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WHERE before this Time divers, as well Noblemen, as other the King's Subjects, have upon Confidence and Trust delivered unto their Servants, their Caskets, and other Jewels, Money, Goods, and Chattels, safely to be kept to the Use of their said Masters or Mistresses, and after such Delivery the said Servants have withdrawn themselves, and gone away from their said Masters or Mistresses, with the said Caskets, Jewels, Money, Goods, and Chattels, or Part thereof, to the Intent to steal the same, and defraud their said Masters or Mistresses thereof, and sometime being with their said Masters or Mistresses, have converted the said Jewels, Money, and other Chattels, or Part thereof, to their own Use, which Misbehaviour so done was doubtful in the Common Law, whether it were Felony or not; and by Reason thereof the aforesaid Servants have been in great Boldness to commit such or like Offences: Be it therefore enacted, ordained, and established by the King our Sovereign Lord, by the Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by

No. 2.
21 Henry VIII.
c. 7.

No. 2. Authority of the same, That all and singular such Servants, (1.)
 21 Henry VIII. to whom any such Caskets, Jewels, Money, Goods, or Chat-
 c. 7. tles, by his or their said Masters or Mistresses, (2.) shall
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 Servant or Servants withdraw him or them from their said
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 Jewels, Money, Goods, or other Chattels, or any Part thereof,
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 Masters or Mistresses thereof, contrary to the Trust and Con-
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 Mistresses, or else being in the Service of his said Master or
 Mistress, without Assent or Commandment of his Masters or
 Mistresses, he imbezil the same Caskets, Jewels, Money,
 Goods, or Chattels, or any Part thereof, or otherwise convert
 the same to his own Use, with like Purpose to steal it, that
 if the said Caskets, Jewels, Money, Goods, or Chattels, that
 any such Servant shall so go away with, or which he shall
 imbezil with Purpose to steal it, as is aforesaid, be of the
 Value of *xl. s.* or above, that then the same false, fraudulent,
 and untrue Act or Demeanour, from henceforth shall be
 deemed and adjudged Felony; and he or they so offending,
 to be punished, as other Felons be punished for Felonies com-
 mitted, by the Course of the Common Law. (4.)

This Statute
 shall not extend
 to an Appren-
 tice, or onewith-
 in 18 Years of
 Age.

II. Provided alway, That this Act, or any Thing therein
 contained, shall not in any wise extend, or be prejudicial to
 any Apprentice or Apprentices, nor to any Person within the
 Age of eighteen Years, going away with his or their Masters
 Goods or Jewels, or otherwise converting the same to his or
 their own Uses, during the Time of their Apprenticeship, or
 being within the Age of Eighteen Years, but that every
 Apprentice or Apprentices, such Person or Persons being
 within the said Age, doing or offending contrary to this present
 Act, shall be, and stand in like Case as they and every of
 them were before the making of this Act; the same Act to
 continue and endure unto the next Parliament.

(1.) To bring a Case within the Statute, the Offender must be a Servant
 both at the Time of the Delivery and the Stealing. The Case of a Delivery
 to one afterwards taken as a Servant, and a subsequent taking away, is
 not within the Statute; 1 Hawk. ch. 33. § 12; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 11.

(2.) A Delivery by another Servant is the same as a Delivery by the
 Master; 1 Hawk. ch. 33. § 13; 1 Hale, 668; 1 E. P. C. ch. 16. § 12.

(3.) This is held not to apply to the Case of a Servant receiving Rents,
 &c. or to sell Goods, departing with the Money; 1 Hawk. ch. 33. § 13;
 1 Hale, 505; dubit. 1 Hale, 668.—The converting of Money delivered to
 buy Goods, held not within the Statute; Watson's Case, cor. Heath J. at
 Worcester, 1788, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 12.—Q. If not a Larceny at Common
 Law? vi. *ibid.*; and Lavender's Case, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 15.

(4.) By Stat. 27 Hen. VIII. made perpetual 28 Hen. VIII. c. 2, but
 repealed 1 Mar. st. 1. ch. 1. ante, Cl. II. No. 21, Clergy was taken
 away from this Offence. The present Statute was revived by 5 Eliz. c. 10,
 post, but not the Statute taking away Clergy. Doubts have been enter-
 tained whether the Offence is liable to Transportation; but such Doubts do
 not appear to be well founded; vide E. P. C. ch. 16. § 10. But the Statute
 is now not much resorted to, as most of the Cases within the Scope of it
 would be held Felony at Common Law. As to which, see the several Cases
 cited E. P. C. ch. 16. § 14, 15.

No. 3.

23 Henry VIII. c. 1.—An Act concerning Convicts in Petit Treason, Murder, &c. p.

III. **B**E it therefore enacted by the King our Sovereign Lord, and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, That no Person nor Persons, which hereafter shall happen to be found guilty after the Laws of this Land, for any Manner of Petit Treason, or for any wilful Murder of Malice prepensed, or for robbing of any Churches, Chapels, or other holy Places, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in their Dwelling Houses, or Dwelling Place, the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife, his Children or Servants then being within, and put in Fear and Dread by the same, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in or near about the Highways, or for wilful burning of any Dwelling Houses, or Barns wherein any Grain of Corns shall happen to be, nor any Person or Persons being found guilty of any Abetment, Procurement, Helping, Maintaining, or Counselling, of or to any such Petit Treasons, Murders, or Felonies, shall from henceforth be admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly be excluded thereof, and suffer Death in such Manner and Form, as they should have done for any the Causes or Offences abovesaid, if they were no Clerks; such as be within holy Orders, that is to say, of the Orders of Sub-deacon, or above, only except.

No. 3.
23 Henry VIII.
c. 1.
Clergy taken
from several
Persons which
do commit di-
vers Offences.

No. 4.

25 Henry VIII. c. 3.—For such as stand mute, &c.

WHETHER at your Parliament holden at Westminster, in the three and twentieth Year of your most noble Reign, among other Things it was ordained, established and enacted, That no Person or Persons which thereafter should happen to be found guilty, after the Laws of this Land, for any manner of Petit Treason, or of any wilful Murder of Malice prepensed, or for robbing of any Churches, Chapels, or other holy Places, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in their Dwelling-houses or Dwelling-place, the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife, his Children, or Servants then being within, and put in Fear and Dread by the same, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in or near about the Highway, or for wilful burning of any Dwelling-houses or Barns, wherein any Grain or Corn shall happen to be; nor any Person or Persons being found guilty of any Abetment, Procurement, helping, maintaining, or counselling of or to any such Petit Treason, Murders, or Felonies, should from thenceforth be admitted to the Benefit of his or

No. 4.
25 Henry VIII.
c. 3.
Clergy not al-
lowed to those
who stand mute,
or who do make
peremptory
Challenge.

No. 4. ' their Clergy, but utterly be excluded thereof, and suffer
 25 Henry VIII. ' Death in such Manner and Form, as they should have done
 c. 3. ' for any the Causes or Offences aforesaid, if they were no
 Certain Defects ' Clerks; such as be within holy Orders, that is to say, of the
 in the Statute of ' Orders of Subdeacon or above, all only except, as more at
 23 H. 8. c. 1. ' Orders of Subdeacon or above, all only except, as more at
 ' large appeareth by the said Act. And forasmuch as the said
 ' Act extendeth only to such Persons as be found guilty after
 ' the due Course of the Laws of this Land, divers and many
 ' great errant Robbers, Murtherers, Burglars and Felons, that
 ' do offend and commit divers and many Petit Treasons, Rob-
 ' beries, Burglaries and Felonies, contrary to the Tenor of the
 ' said Act, perceiving and clearly understanding, by the
 ' Words of the same Statute and Act, that they shall not lose
 ' the Benefit and Advantage of their Clergy, unless they be
 ' found guilty after the due Course of the Law, upon their
 ' Arraignment of and upon the said Felonies, Robberies, and
 ' other Offences before said, so by them done and committed,
 ' by reason whereof, divers and many of the same Robbers and
 ' Felons, upon their Arraignment of the same Robberies and
 ' Felonies, upon their Indictments against them stand mute,
 ' and sometimes challenge peremptorily over the Number of
 ' Twenty, or else will not directly answer to the same Indict-
 ' ments whereupon they be so arraigned, according to the
 ' Order of the Law. And for that these especial Cases be not
 ' expressly comprised and contained within the Letter of the
 ' same Statute, it is necessary and expedient that the same Case
 ' be clearly and definitively expounded and declared by Au-
 ' thority of this present Parliament. And whereas also divers
 ' and many Felons and Robbers, that commit and do divers
 ' and many great heinous Robberies and Burglaries in one
 ' Shire, and convey the Spoil and Robbery into any other Shire,
 ' and there be taken, indicted, and arraigned upon Felony
 ' and felonious stealing of the same Goods in the same other
 ' Shire, than there where the same Robberies or Burglaries were
 ' done and committed, and not upon the same Robbery nor
 ' Burglary, for that it was not done nor committed in the
 ' same Shire where they be so indicted and arraigned, and by
 ' reason thereof the same Misdemeanors, Felons, Robbers,
 ' and Burglars have and enjoy the Privilege and Advantage of
 ' their Clergy, to the great Hurt and Loss of the King's Pre-
 ' rogative, and great Boldness of such Offenders.'

Cases in which
 the Benefit of
 Clergy shall not
 be allowed.

II. In Consideration whereof, be it enacted by the King
 our Sovereign Lord, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and
 the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and
 by Authority of the same, That every Person and Persons that
 is or hereafter shall be indicted of Petit Treason, wilful Burn-
 ing of Houses, Murther, Robbery, or Burglary, or other
 Felony, according to the Tenor and Meaning of the same
 Statute, and thereupon arraigned, and do stand mute of Malice
 or froward Mind, or challenge peremptorily above the Num-
 ber of Twenty, or else will not or do not answer directly to
 the same Indictment and Felony whereupon he is so arraigned,

shall from henceforth lose the Benefit and Privilege of his or their Clergy, in like Manner and Form as if he had directly pleaded to the same Petit Treason, Murther, Robbery, Burglary, or other Felony whereupon he is so arraigned, Not guilty, and thereupon had been found guilty after the Laws of the Land. No. 4.
25 Henry VIII.
c. 3.

III. And by the same Authority be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons hereafter be indicted of Felony for stealing of any Goods or Chattels in any County within this Realm of *England*, and thereupon arraigned and be found guilty, or stand mute of Malice, or challenge peremptorily above the Number of twenty Persons, as is aforesaid, or will not upon his said Atraiement directly answer to the same Felony, that then the same Person and Persons so arraigned and found guilty, or stand mute of Malice, or challenge peremptorily above the Number of twenty Persons, or will not directly answer to the Law, shall lose and be put from the Benefit of their Clergy, in like Manner and Form as they should have been, if they had been indicted and arraigned, and found guilty in the same County where the same Robbery or Burglary was done or committed, if it shall appear to the Justices before whom any such Felons or Robbers be arraigned, by Evidence given before them, or by Examination, that the same Felonies, whereupon they be so arraigned, had been such Robberies or Burglaries in the same Shire where such Robberies or Burglaries were committed or done, by reason whereof they should have lost the Benefit of their Clergy by Force of the said Statute, in case they had been found guilty thereof in the same Shire where such Robberies or Burglaries were so committed or done.

A Man attainted where the Goods were carried which were stolen in another County.

No. 5.

1 Edward VI. c. 12.—An Act for the Repeal of certain Statutes concerning Treasons and Felonies.*

X. **A**ND it is further ordained and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons that heretofore hath been, or at any Time hereafter shall be, in due Form of the Laws, attainted or convicted of Murder of Malice prepensed, or of Poisoning of Malice prepensed; or of breaking of any House by Day or by Night, any Person being then in the same House where the same breaking heretofore hath been or hereafter shall be committed, and heretofore hath been or hereafter shall be thereby put in Fear or Dread; or of or for robbing of any Person or Persons in the Highway, or near to the Highway; or for felonious stealing of Horses, Geldings or Mares; (1.) or of felonious taking of any Goods out of any

No. 5.
1 Edward VI.
c. 12.
The Offenders in these Felonies shall be excluded of their Clergy and Sanctuary by 2 & 3 Ed. 6. c. 33.

* Inserted ante, Class II.

(1.) The Stat. 37 Hen. VIII. c. 8. § 2. mentioned Horse, Gelding, Mare, Foal or Filly. Sir E. H. East states, that as the Words Foal or Filly are

No. 5. Parish Church or other Church or Chapel; or being indicted or
 Edward VI. c. 12. appealed of any of the same Offences, and thereupon found
 Persons stealing one Horse are guilty by Verdict of twelve Men, or shall confess the same
 ousted of Clergy, &c. upon his or their Arraignment, or will not answer directly,
 by No. 6, post. according to the Laws of this Realm, or shall stand wilfully, or
 of Malice mute, shall not be admitted to have or enjoy the
 Privilege or Benefit of his Clergy or Sanctuary, but shall be
 put from the same: And that in all other Cases of Felony,
 Clergy allowed in all other Cases of Felony, other than such as are before mentioned, all and singular Per-
 son and Persons, which after the first Day of *March* next com-
 ing shall be arraigned or found guilty upon his or their Arraign-
 ment, or shall confess the same, or stand mute, in Form afore-
 said, or will not answer directly in Form abovesaid, shall
 have and enjoy the Privilege and Benefit of his or their Clergy,
 Sanctuaries ex- the Liberty and Privilege of Sanctuary, in like Manner and
 tinct. Form as he or they might or should have done before the four
 and twentieth Day of *April* in the first Year of the Reign of
 the said late King *Henry* the Eighth.

No. 6.

2 and 3 Edward VI. c. 33.—A Bill for Horse and Horse
 Stealers.

No. 6.
 2 and 3
 Edward VI.
 c. 33.

Whoever
 stealeth an
 Horse, &c.
 shall lose his
 Clergy.

‘FORASMUCH as it is and hath been ambiguous and
 doubtful upon the Words mentioned in one Act of Par-
 liament made in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
 Lord the King, Whether that any Person being in due Form
 of the Laws found guilty, or otherwise attained or convicted,
 for felonious stealing of one Horse, Gelding or Mare, ought
 to be admitted to have or enjoy the Privilege and Benefit
 of his Clergy and Sanctuary:’ Therefore it is declared and
 enacted by the King our Sovereign Lord, and the Lords and
 Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
 Authority of the same Parliament, That all and singular Person
 and Persons, feloniously taking or stealing any Horse, Geld-
 ing or Mare, shall not be admitted to have or enjoy the Pri-
 vilege or Benefit of his or their Clergy or Sanctuary, but shall be
 put from the same, in like Manner and Form as though he or
 they had been indicted or appealed for felonious stealing of
 two Horses, two Geldings or two Mares of any other, and
 thereupon found guilty by Verdict of twelve Men, or confessed
 the same upon his or their Arraignment, or stand wilfully or of
 Malice mute. 37 H. 8 c. 8.

dropped in the Acts of Edw. VI. it has been questioned by some, whether
 they extend to a Foal or Filly, so as to oust Clergy? But yet, (he adds) it
 seems that the Words of those Acts are plain and general enough to include
 them; and it is refining rather too much to argue those Words into Doubt,
 from the over Nicety of a prior Statute which is set aside; E. P. C.
 ch. 16. § 47.

No. 7.

5 and 6 Edward VI. c. 9.—An Act for the taking away of the Benefit of the Clergy from certain Offenders.

WHERE at the Parliament holden at *Westminster* by Prorogation the twenty-third Year of the Reign of the late King of famous Memory, King *Henry* the Eighth, it was among other Things then and there enacted, established and ordained by Authority of the same Parliament, That no Person or Persons, which after that Time should happen to be found guilty, after the Laws of this Realm, for any manner Petty Treason, or for any wilful Murther of Malice prepensed, or for robbing of any Churches, Chapels or other Holy Places, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in their Dwelling-houses or Dwelling-places, the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife, his Children or Servants then being within, and put in Fear or Dread by the same, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in or near about the Highways, or for wilful burning of any Dwelling-houses or Barns wherein any Grain or Corn should happen to be, nor any Person or Persons being found guilty of any Abetment, Procurement, Maintaining or Concealing of any or to any such Petty Treason, Murthers or Felonies, should from thenceforth be admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly to be excluded thereof, and suffer Death in such Manner and Form as they should have done for any the Causes or Offences abovesaid, if they were no Clerks: such as be within Holy Orders, that is say, of the Orders of Subdeacon, or above, all only excepted, as by the same Act among other Things more plainly appeareth; which Act was made to endure until the last Day of the next Parliament; and after that, at the Session of the Parliament holden at *Westminster* by Prorogation in the thirty-second Year of the Reign of the said late King, the same Act with other Acts was made to continue for ever.

II. Since the making of which Statute it hath been doubted, that if such Robberies and Felonies have been committed and done in Dwelling-houses and Dwelling-places, the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife, his Children or Servants, being then put in Fear or Dread by the same, shall not lose the Benefit of their Clergy, if the Offenders therein be found guilty by the Laws of this Realm, unless the same Robbery or Felony be committed and done in the very Chamber, House or Place where the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife, Children or Servants, shall happen to be or lie at the Time of such Robbery and Felony committed and done, and put in Fear and Dread, although the Owner and Dweller in such House and Houses, his Wife, his Children or Servants, at the Time of such Robbery and Felony committed and done, were or lay in other

No. 7.

5 and 6
Edward VI.
c. 9.No Person robbing any House, &c. shall have the Benefit of his Clergy.
23 H. 8. c. 1.

32 H. 8. c. 3.

Three several Doubts and Questions moved upon the Stat. of 23 H. 8. c. 1.

No. 7.
5 and 6
Edward VI.
c. 9.

• Places within the Precinct of the same Dwelling-houses, nigh
• unto the House or Place where such Robbery and Felony
• shall happen to be done: Or if it happen that the Owner or
• Dweller within the same House where such Robbery and
• Felony shall happen to be done, his Wife, Children or Ser-
• vants to be a-sleep at the Time of such Robbery and Felony
• committed and done, although the same Robbery were done
• in the Chamber or Place where the Owner or Dweller in the
• same House, his Wife, Children or Servants then lay, the
• Offenders being found guilty thereof according to the Laws of
• the Land, should not lose the Benefit and Advantage of their
• Clergy.

• III. And where also it hath been in Question and
• doubted, that if such Robberies and Felonies happen to be
• committed and done in any Booth or Booths, Tent or Tents
• in any Fair or Market, the Owner of the same, his Wife,
• Children or Servants happening to be within the same at the
• Time of the committing of such Felonies, and put in Fear
• and Dread, the Offenders therein being found guilty after the
• Laws of this Realm, should not lose the Benefit of their
• Clergy.

Burglary, the
Owner, &c.
being in another
Part of the
House or asleep.

• IV. For the true Declaration and Explanation of the same
Doubts or Questions before recited, be it enacted, ordained
and established by the King our Sovereign Lord, the Lords
Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present
Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,
That if it happen any Person or Persons to be found guilty
according to the Laws of this Realm, for robbing (1.) of any
Person or Persons after the first Day of *May* next ensuing, in
any Part or Parcel of their Dwelling-houses or Dwelling-
places, the Owner or Dweller in the same House, or his Wife,
his Children or Servants, (2.) being then within the same
House or Place where it shall happen the same Robbery and
Felony to be committed and done, or in any other Place within
the Precinct of the same House or Dwelling-place; (3.) that
such Offenders shall in no wise be admitted to their Clergy,
whether the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife
or Children then and there being, shall be waking or sleeping.

Burglary in a
Tent or Booth
in a Fair or
Market.

V. And that no Person or Persons which after the said
first Day of *May* shall happen to be found guilty, after the
Laws of this Realm, of and for robbing any Person or Per-
sons in any Booth or Tent, in any Fair or Market, the Owner,
his Wife, his Children or Servants, or Servant, then being
within the same Booth or Tent, shall not from henceforth be
admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly be

(1.) Under this Statute a Breaking is necessary; 2 Hawk. c. 33. § 92;
E. P. C. ch. 16. § 72.

(2.) This does not extend to a Sojourner or Lodger; 2 Hawk. ch. 33.
§ 92. See 3 W. and M. c. 9. where the Provision is more general.

(3.) If the Goods do not amount to 12d. the Case will only amount to
Petit Larceny; for the Statute does not alter the Offence, but only takes
away Clergy where it was before allowed, as in Grand Larceny; semble,
1 Hale, 531; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 70 — This Principle was consistently acted
upon in the Construction of 8 Eliz. ch. 4, post.

excluded thereof, and suffer Death in such Manner and Form as is before mentioned in the said Act made in the said xxij. Year of the Reign of the same late King, for Robberies and Felonies committed and done in Dwelling-Houses and Dwelling-places, the Owner or Dweller in the same, his Wife, Children or Servants then being within the same, and put in Fear and Dread, without having any Respect or Consideration whether the Owner or Dweller in such Booths and Tents, his Wife, Children or Servants, being in the same Booths or Tents at the Time of such Robberies and Felonies committed, shall be sleeping or waking.

No. 7.
5 and 6
Edward VI.
c. 9.
23 H. 8. c. 1.

No. 8.

5 and 6 Edward VI. c. 10.—An Act for the Avoiding of Clergy from divers Persons.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at *Westminster* upon Prorogation the fifteenth Day of *January* in the twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King *Henry* the Eighth, it is recited, That at the Parliament holden at *Westminster* in the twenty-third Year of the Reign of the said late King, amongst other Things it was ordained, established and enacted, That no Person or Persons, which after that Time should happen to be found guilty, after the Laws of this Land, of any Manner of Petty Treason, or for any wilful Murder of Malice prepensed, or for robbing of any Churches, Chapels or other holy Places, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in their Dwelling-houses or Dwelling-place, the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife, his Children or Servants then being within, and put in Fear and Dread by the same, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in or near about the Highways, or for wilful burning of any Dwelling-houses or Barns, wherein any Grains of Corn should happen to be, nor any Person or Persons being found guilty of any Abetment, Procurement, Helping, Maintaining or Concealing of or to any such Petty Treason, Murthers or Felonies, should from thenceforth be admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but should utterly be excluded thereof, and suffer Death in such Manner and Form as they should have done for any the Causes or Offences aforesaid, if they were no Clerks; which Act extendeth but only where such Offender was convicted in such County or Place where any such Offence was so committed and done, and not where he or they did such Offence in one County, and were taken with the Mainer in another County. Wherefore it was considered, That forasmuch as divers and many Felons and Robbers that commit and do divers and many great heinous Robberies and Burglaries in one Shire, and convey the Spoil and Robbery into any other Shire, and there be taken, indicted and arraigned of Felony,

No. 8.
5 and 6
Edward VI.
c. 10.

Such as rob in one Shire, and fly into another shall not have their Clergy.
23 H. 8. c. 1.
23 H. 8. c. 1.

No. 8.
5 and 6
Edward VI.
c. 10.

' of the felonious stealing of the same Goods in the same other
' Shire than where the same Robberies or Burglaries were done
' and committed, and not of the same Robbery nor Burglary,
' for that it was not done or committed in the same Shire where
' they be so indicted and arraigned, and that by Reason there-
' of such Felons, Robbers and Burglarors had and enjoyed the
' Privilege and Advantage of their Clergy.'

II. For Redress whereof, it was enacted in the said Parliament holden in the said xxv. Year of the said late King, That if any Person or Persons after that Time, after such Robbery or Burglary by him or them done in any one County, should be indicted of Felony for stealing of any Goods or Chattels in any other County within this Realm, and thereupon arraigned and found guilty, or stand mute of Malice, or challenge peremptorily above the Number of xx. Persons, or would not upon his or their said Arraignment directly answer to the same Felony, That then the same Person and Persons so arraigned and found guilty, or standing mute of Malice, or challenging peremptorily above the Number of twenty Persons, or that would not directly answer to the Law, should lose and be put from the Benefit of his or their Clergy, in like Manner and Form as they should have been if they had been indicted, arraigned and found guilty in the same County where such Robbery or Burglary as is aforesaid, was done or committed, if it should appear to the Justices before whom any such Felons or Robbers should be arraigned by Evidence given before them, or by Examination, that the same Felons and Burglarors should have been put from their Clergy, in Case they had been indicted, arraigned, and found guilty, in the same County where the same Robberies or Burglaries were committed or done, as in the same Statute made in the said xxv. Year, among other Things, more plainly appeareth.

Wherein the
Stat made
1 Ed. 6. c. 12.
doth take away
the Force of the
Stat. of 25 H. 8.
c. 3.

' III. And where in the Parliament holden at *Westminster*
' the iv. Day of *November* in the first Year of the Reign of our
' Sovereign Lord the King that now is, it is ordained and en-
' acted amongst other Things, That no Person or Persons that
' before that Time had been or at any Time after should be in
' due Form of the Laws attainted or convict of Murder or
' Malice prepensed, or of poisoning of Malice prepensed, or
' of breaking of any House by Day or by Night, any Person
' being then in the same House where the same Breaking had
' been or after that Time should be committed, being put in
' Fear or Dread; or of or for Robbing of any Person or Persons
' in the Highway, or near to the Highway, or for felonious
' Stealing of Horses, Geldings or Mares; or of felonious Tak-
' ing of any Goods out of any Parish Church, or other Church
' or Chapel; or being indicted or appealed of any of the same
' Offences, and thereupon found guilty by Verdict of xij. Men,
' or should confess the same upon his or their Arraignment, or
' would not answer directly according to the Laws of this
' Realm, or should stand wilfully or of Malice mute, should

‘ not be admitted to have or enjoy the Privilege or Benefit of
‘ his or their Clergy or Sanctuary, but should be put from the
‘ same.

No. 8.
5 and 6
Edward VI.
c. 10.

‘ IV. And that in all other Cases of Felony, other than
‘ such as be before mentioned, all and singular Person and Per-
‘ sons which after the first Day of *March* then next following
‘ should be arraigned, or found guilty upon his or their
‘ Arraignment, or should confess the same, or stand mute
‘ in Form aforesaid, or would not answer directly in Form
‘ abovesaid, should have and enjoy the Privilege and Benefit
‘ of his or their Clergy, and the Liberty and Privilege of
‘ Sanctuary, in like Manner and Form as he or they might or
‘ should have done before the xxiv. Day of *April* in the first
‘ Year of the Reign of the said late King *Henry* the Eighth,
‘ as in the said Act made in the said first Year, among other
‘ Things, more plainly appeareth : By Reason of which Article
‘ and Clause contained in the said Act made in the said first
‘ Year, the said Statute made in the said xxv. Year of the said
‘ late King, which did put such Felons and Burglarors from
‘ their Clergy, that do such Offence in one County, and after
‘ are taken with the Goods stolen in another County, and there
‘ indicted, arraigned and found guilty, was made void : By
‘ Reason whereof divers and many Persons, that sithen the
‘ said first Year have committed such Robberies and Burglaries
‘ in one County, and after have been taken with the Mainer
‘ in another County, and there indicted, arraigned and found
‘ guilty, have had and enjoyed their Clergy, which they could
‘ not have had in case the said Act made in the said xxv. Year
‘ had stood in Force, to the great Bolding and Comfort of such
‘ Offenders : For Redress whereof from henceforth to be had,
‘ be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That
‘ the said Act made in the said xxv. Year touching the putting
‘ of such Offenders from their Clergy, and every Article, Clause
‘ or Sentence contained in the same touching Clergy, shall from
‘ henceforth, touching such Offences from henceforth to be com-
‘ mitted and done, stand, remain and be in full Strength and Virtue,
‘ in such Manner and Form as it did before the making of the said
‘ Act made in the said first Year of the Reign of our said Sovereign
‘ Lord the King that now is ; any Clause, Article or Sentence
‘ comprised in the said Act made in the said first Year, to the
‘ contrary thereof notwithstanding.

The Stat. of 25
H. 8. c. 3. shall
stand in Force,
notwithstand-
ing a Clause
comprised in the
Stat. of 1 Ed. 6.
c. 12.

No. 9.

4 and 5 Philip and Mary, c. 4 — An Act that Accessories
in Murder and divers Felonies shall not have the
Benefit of Clergy.

[Inserted Class IV.]

No. 10.

5 Elizabeth, c. 10.—An Act reviving a Statute made
Anno 21 H. 8. touching Servants imbezilling their
 Masters Goods.

No. 10.
 5 Elizabeth,
 c. 10.
 21 H. 8. c. 7.

“WHERE in the Parliament holden at *London* the third
 Day of *November* in the one and twentieth Year of
 the Reign of the late King of most famous and worthy
 Memory King *Henry* the Eighth, and from thence ad-
 journed to *Westminster*, and there holden and continued by
 divers Prorogations unto the Dissolution thereof, it was or-
 dained and enacted amongst other Things, That all and sin-
 gular Servants to whom any Caskets, Jewels, Money, Goods,
 or Chattels, by his or their Master or Masters should from
 thenceforth be delivered to keep, that if any such Servant or
 Servants withdraw him or them from their said Masters
 or Mistresses, and go away with the said Caskets, Jewels,
 Money, Goods or Chattels, or any Part thereof, to the Intent
 to steal the same, and defraud his or their said Masters or
 Mistresses thereof, contrary to the Trust and Confidence to
 him or them put by his or their Masters or Mistresses;
 or else being in Service of his said Masters or Mistresses,
 without the Assent or Commandment of his Masters or
 Mistresses, imbezel the same Caskets, Jewels, Money, Goods
 or Chattels, or any Part thereof, or otherwise convert the
 same to his own Use, with like Purpose to steal it, that if
 the said Caskets, Jewels, Money, Goods or Chattels that any
 such Servant shall go away with, or which he shall imbezel
 with Purpose to steal it as is aforesaid, be of the Value of
 Forty Shillings or above; that then the same false, fraudu-
 lent and untrue Act and Demeanour, should from thenceforth
 be deemed and adjudged Felony, and that he or they so
 offending, should be punished as other Felons for Felony
 committed, by the Course of the Common Law, as by the
 said Act, and other Things therein contained, more at
 large it doth and may appear.

1 Mar. Sess. 1.
 c. 1.

“II. Which said Act in the Parliament begun and holden
 at *Westminster* the fifth Day of *October* in the first Year of the
 Reign of the late Queen *Mary*, and there continued to the one
 and twentieth Day of the same Month, that is to say, in the
 first Session of the same Parliament, by the general Words of
 one Act then and there made, intituled, “An Act repealing
 certain Treasons, Felonies and *Præmunire*,” was from thence-
 forth utterly repealed and made void.

A Reviver of
 the Statute of
 21 H. 8. c. 7.
 whereby it is
 made Felony
 for a Servant to
 imbezel his
 Master's Goods
 to the Value of
 21. s. or above.

“III. And forasmuch as sithence the repeal of the same,
 the said Act is thought necessary for the Commonwealth
 of this Realm; be it therefore enacted by our Sovereign
 Lady the Queen's Majesty, with the Assent of the Lords Spi-
 ritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parlia-
 ment assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the
 said Act made in the one and twentieth Year, and every

Clause, Article, Branch, Sentence and Provision therein contained, be from henceforth revived, and put in due Execution, according to the Intent and Meaning thereof, and from thenceforth shall stand good, endure and continue for ever.
27 H. 8. c. 17.

No. 10.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 10.

No. 11.

8 Elizabeth, c. 4. — An Act to take away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders for Felony.

‘**W**HERE a certain Kind of evil-disposed Persons, commonly called Cut-purses or Pick-purses, but indeed by the Laws of this Land, very Felons and Thieves, do con- feder together, making among themselves as it were a Brotherhood or Fraternity of an Art or Mystery, to live idly by the secret Spoil of the good and true Subjects of this Realm; and as well at Sermons and Preachings of the Word of God, and in Places and Time of doing Service and Common Prayer in Churches, Chapels, Closets and Oratories, and not only there, but also in the Prince’s Palace, House, yea and Presence, and at the Places and Courts of Justice, and at the Times of Ministration of the Laws in the same, and in Fairs, Markets, and other Assemblies of the People, yea and at the Time of doing of Execution of such as been attained of any Murder, Felony or other criminal Cause, ordained chiefly for Terror and Example of Evil-doers, do without Respect or Regard of any Time, Place or Person, or of any Fear or Dread of God, or any Law or Punishment, under the Cloak of Honesty by their outward Apparel, Countenance and Behaviour, subtilly, privily, craftily and feloniously take the Goods of divers good and honest Subjects from their Persons by cutting and picking their Purses and other felonious Sleights and Devices, to the utter undoing and impoverishing of many:’

No. 11.
8 Elizabeth,
c. 4.

He that taketh away privily from the Person of another Money or Goods, shall not have his Clergy, &c.

The impudent Boldness of Cut-purses and Pick-purses.

II. Be it therefore enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That no Person or Persons which hereafter shall happen to be indicted or appealed for felonious taking of any Money, Goods or Chattels from the Person of any other, privily without his Knowledge, in any Place whatsoever, and thereupon found guilty by Verdict of twelve Men, or shall confess the same upon his or their Arraignment, or will not answer directly to the same according to the Laws of this Realm, or shall stand wilfully or of Malice or obstinately mute, or challenge peremptorily above the number of twenty, or shall be upon such Indictment or Appeal outlawed, shall from henceforth be admitted to have the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer Death in such Manner and Form as they should if they were no Clerks. (1.)

(1.) I have thought it proper to insert this Provision, although repealed by Stat. 48 Geo. III. ch. 129, post, as showing the progressive Course of the Law with respect to the several Kinds of Larceny.

No. 11.

8 Elizabeth,
c. 4.

Where one shall
be arraigned for
a former Of-
fence, having
his Clergy for a
latter.

‘ III. And also whereas divers Persons do oft-times com-
mit and do divers and sundry detestable Murders, heinous
‘ Robberies and Felonies and other capital Offences, for the
‘ which Clergy is not allowable by the Laws and Statutes of
‘ this Realm, and after the same Offences so done either fly out
‘ of the County or other Parts of this Realm into the Parts be-
‘ yond the Seas, or keep themselves secret in other Places
‘ where they are not known for a great Time, and after happen
‘ to commit some other Felony for the which they may have
‘ their Clergy, and being arraigned for the same may have their
‘ Clergy to them allowed, and thereupon committed to the Cus-
‘ tody of the Ordinary according to the Law and Custom of this
‘ Realm, the former Offence, wherein Clergy is not grantable
‘ being not then known; and so by that Means cannot after
‘ be impeached for the said other horrible and great Offences
‘ by the Law and Custom of this Realm, to the great encou-
‘ raging of Offenders using such Practices of Foreknowledge
‘ and set Purpose for their Discharge of the same :’

IV. For Reformation whereof, Be it further enacted by
the Authority aforesaid, That every Person or Persons which
shall hereafter upon his and their Arraignment for any Felony
be admitted to the Benefit of his Clergy by the Laws of this
Realm, and delivered to the Ordinary for the same, and shall
make his due Purgation for the same Offence or Offences
whereupon he was so admitted to his Clergy, and shall before
the same Admission to his Clergy have committed any other
such Offence whereupon Clergy by the Laws or Statutes of
this Realm is not allowable, and not being thereof before in-
dicted and acquitted, convicted or attainted, or pardoned, shall
and may be indicted or appealed for the same, and thereupon
put to answer, and ordered and used in all Things according to
the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, in such like Manner and
Form as though no such Admission of Clergy had been; any
Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 12.

18 Elizabeth, c. 7. — An Act to take away Clergy from
the Offenders in Rape or Burglary, and an Order
for the Delivery of Clerks Convict without Pur-
gation.

[Inserted ante, Cl. V.]

No. 13.

31 Elizabeth, c. 4.—An Act against the Imbezilling of Armour, Habiliments of War and Victual.

BE it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, No. 13.
31 Elizabeth,
c. 4. That if any Person or Persons having at any Time hereafter the Charge or Custody of any Armour, Ordnance, Munition, Shot, Powder or Habiliments of War, of the Queen's Majesty's, her Heirs or Successors, or of any Victuals provided for the Victualling of any Soldiers, Gunners, Mariners or Pioneers, shall for any Lucre or Gain, or wittingly, advisedly, and of Purpose, to hinder or impeach her Majesty's Service, imbezil, purloin or convey away any of the said Armour, Ordnance, Munition, Shot or Powder, Habiliments of War, or Victuals, to the Value of twenty Shillings at one or several Times; That then every such Offence shall be judged Felony, and the Offender or Offenders therein to be tried, proceeded on, and suffer as in Case of Felony. (1.)

II. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That none shall be impeached for any Offence against this Statute, unless the same Impeachment be prosecuted or begun within the Year next after the Offence done: And that this Act, nor any Thing therein contained, nor any Attainder or Attainders of any Person or Persons for any Offence made Felony by this Act, shall in any wise extend to or be adjudged, interpreted or expounded, to make the Offender or Offenders to forfeit or lose any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments any longer than only during his or their Life or Lives, or to make any Corruption of Blood to any the Heir or Heirs of any such Offender or Offenders, or to make the Wife of any such Offender to lose or forfeit her Dower, or Title of Dower, of or in any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or her Action or Interest to the same; any Thing in this Act contained, or any Attainder or Attainders hereafter to be had for any Offence made Felony by this Act to the contrary notwithstanding: And that such Person and Persons as shall be impeached for any Offence made Felony by this Statute, shall by Virtue of this Act be received and admitted to make any lawful Proof that he can, by lawful Witness or otherwise, for his Discharge and Defence in that Behalf; any Law to the contrary notwithstanding. [Enforced by 22 Car. 2. c. 5.]

(1.) But Persons having a bare Charge may be guilty of Felony at Common Law, by stealing to any Amount. See *Thorne's Case*, 2 E. P. C. ch. 16. § 53.

Imbezilling the Queen's Ordnance, Armour or Victuals, to the Value of twenty Shillings, provided for Soldiers, shall be Felony.

Within what Time the Offender shall be impeached. No Corruption of Blood nor Forfeiture of the Inheritance of Lands or Dower for this Felony.

The Defendant may bring Proof for his Discharge.

No. 14.

31 Elizabeth, c. 12.—An Act to avoid Horse stealing.

[Inserted Pt. III. Cl. XII.]

No. 14.
31 Elizabeth,
c. 12.

An Accessory to
a Horse-stealer
shall not have
his Clergy.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That after twenty Days after the End of this Session of Parliament, not only all Accessaries before such Felony done, but also all Accessaries after (1.) such Felony, shall be deprived and put from all Benefit of their Clergy, as the Principal by Statute heretofore made is or ought to be.

(1.) This only extends to Accessaries at Common Law; not to mere Receivers; Foster, 373; 2 East, 616.

No. 15.

39 Elizabeth, c. 15.—An Act, that no Person robbing any House in the Day-time, although no Person be therein, shall be admitted to have the Benefit of his Clergy.

No. 15.
39 Elizabeth,
c. 15.

WHEREAS of late Years divers lewd and felonious Persons understanding that the Penalty of the Robbing of Houses in the Day-time (no Person being in the House at the Time of the Robbery) is not so penal, as to commit or do a Robbery in any House, any Person being therein at the Time of the Robbery; which hath and doth embolden divers lewd Persons to watch their Opportunity and Time to commit and do many heinous Robberies, in breaking and entering divers honest Persons' Houses, and especially of the poorer Sort of People, who by reason of their Poverty are not able to keep any Servant, or otherwise to leave any Body to look to their House, when they go abroad to hear divine Service, or from Home to follow their Labour to get their Living, which is to the Hindrance and Loss of good Subjects, and the utter Impoverishing of many poor Widows, sole Women, and other People;

He shall not
have his Clergy
that robbeth a
House in the
Day-time of the
Value of five
Shillings.

II. Be it therefore enacted by our Sovereign Lady the Queen's most excellent Majesty, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, of this present Parliament assembled, That if any Person or Persons after the End of this present Session of Parliament shall be found guilty, and convicted by Verdict, Confession or otherwise, according to the Laws of this Realm, for the felonious taking away, after the Feast of Easter now next ensuing, in the Day-time, (1.) of any Money, Goods or Chattel, being of the Value of five Shillings or upwards; in any Dwelling-house or Houses, or any Part thereof, or any Out-house or Out-houses, belonging and

(1.) If the Offence is committed in the Night, so that it would amount to Burglary, it is not within this Statute; 1 Hale, 525. B.; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 77.

used to and with any Dwelling-house or Houses, (2.) although no Person (3.) shall be in the said House or Out-houses, at the Time of such Felony committed; then such Person and Persons shall not be admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but shall be utterly excluded thereof.

(2.) By Relation to the Preamble, there must be a Breaking to bring a Case within the Statute; but such a Breaking as would constitute Burglary is sufficient; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 75.—Whether a Person present and assisting is a Principal within the Act? Q. *ibid.*

(3.) It must be alledged and proved that no Person was in the House; 1 Hale, 525. B.; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 77.

No. 16.

22 Charles II. c. 5.—An Act for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from such as steal Cloth from the Rack, and from such as shall steal or imbezel his Majesty's Ammunition and Stores.

WHEREAS many evil-disposed Persons have of late more frequently than in former Times used and practised the cutting of Cloth and other Woollen Manufactures in the Night-time off from the Racks or Tenters, where the said Cloth is put for the drying thereof, and feloniously steal and carry away the same, to the utter undoing and impoverishing of many Clothiers, and the great Hindrance of the Trade of Clothing:

II. And whereas by an Act made in the one and thirtieth Year of the late Queen Elizabeth, it is amongst other Things enacted, That if any Person having the Charge or Custody of any Armour, Ordnance; Munition, Shot, Powder, or Habilliments of War of the said Queen's, her Heirs or Successors, or of any Victuals provided for the victualling of any Soldiers, Gunners, Mariners, or Pioneers, shall for any Lucre or Gain, or willingly, advisedly, and of Purpose to hinder or impeach her Majesty's Service, imbezel, purloin, or convey away the same Armour, Ordnance, Munition, Shot, or Powder, Habilliments of War, or Victuals to the Value of twenty Shillings, at one or several Times, that then every such Offence shall be adjudged Felony, and the Offender therein to be proceeded on, and suffer as in case of Felony; unto the committing of which several Offences many Persons are the more emboldened, in respect that in those Cases the Benefit of Clergy is allowed by Law:

III. Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and the Authority thereof, That no Person or Persons who shall, from and after the Five and twentieth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventy, be indicted for felonious cutting and taking,

No. 16.
22 Charles II.
c. 5.
Enforced by
1 Geo. 1. st. 2.
c. 25. sec. 11.
15 G. 2. c. 27.
31 Eliz. c. 4.

Persons stealing Cloth from the Rack, or imbezzling his Majesty's Stores to the Value of 20s. and thereof found guilty, shall be excluded

No. 16. stealing or carrying away of any Cloth or other Woollen
 22 Charles II. Manufactures from the Rack or Tenter in the Night-time, or
 c. 5. for any Offence committed against the said recited Act made
 ed from the in the said one and thirtieth Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, or shall
 Benefit of feloniously steal or imbezil any of his Majesty's Sails, Cordage,
 Clergy. or any other his Majesty's Naval Stores, to the Value of twenty
 31 Eliz. c. 4. Shillings, and be thereupon found guilty by Verdict of twelve
 Men, or shall confess the same upon his or their Arraignment,
 or will not answer directly to the same according to the Laws of
 this Realm, or shall stand wilfully or of Malice and obstinately
 mute, or challenge peremptorily above the Number of Twenty,
 or shall be upon such Indictment outlawed, shall from and
 after the said five and twentieth Day of *May* not be admitted
 to have the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly be exclud-
 ed thereof, and shall suffer Death in such Manner and Form
 as he should if they were no Clerks.

Judges may re-
 prieve and
 transport them

Penalty for re-
 fusing to be
 transported, or
 afterwards to
 return.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the
 Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the
 Judges or Justices of the Court before whom such Offender
 shall be arraigned and condemned, at their Discretion to grant
 a Reprieve for the staying of Execution of such Offender, and
 to cause such Offender to be transported to any of his Majesty's
 Plantations beyond the Seas, there to remain for the Space of
 seven Years, to be accounted from the Time of such Transporta-
 tion, and during all that Time there to be kept to hard
 Labour: And if such Offender shall refuse to be so transported,
 or after such Transportation shall return or come again into this
 Kingdom of *England*, or the Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of
Berwick upon Tweed, within the Time aforesaid, that then,
 and in every such Case, the Person so returning shall be put to
 Execution upon the Judgement so given and pronounced against
 him.

No. 17.

3 William and Mary, c. 9.—An Act to take away Clergy
 from some Offenders, and to bring others to Punish-
 ment.

No. 17. 'FORASMUCH as divers wicked and ill-disposed Persons
 3 William and are encouraged to commit Robberies upon Mens' Per-
 Mary, c. 9. sons, and in their Houses, and other Offenders, by the Pri-
 Any Person vilege, as the Law now is, of demanding the Benefit of
 convict of rob- 'their Clergy.' Be it therefore enacted by the King's and
 bing a Dwell- Queen's most Excellent Majesties, and by and with the Ad-
 ing-house vice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and
 wherein there is any or no Common, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
 Person, &c. or Authority of the same, That all and every Person or Persons
 standing mute, that shall at any Time from and after the first Day of *March*,
 shall lose his in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety-one,

Any Person
 convict of rob-
 bing a Dwell-
 ing-house
 wherein there
 is any or no
 Person, &c. or
 standing mute,
 shall lose his
 Clergy.

rob any other Person, (1.) or shall feloniously take away any Goods or Chattels, (2.) being in any Dwelling-house, the Owner or any other Person being therein, and put in Fear, (3.) or shall rob (4.) any Dwelling-house in the Day-time, any Person (5.) being therein, or shall comfort, aid, abet, assist, (6.) counsel, hire, or command any Person or Persons to commit any of the said Offences, or (7.) to break any Dwelling-house, Shop, or Warehouse, thereunto belonging, or therewith used, in the Day-time, and feloniously take away any Money, Goods, or Chattel, of the Value of five Shillings or upwards, therein being, although no Person shall be within such Dwelling-house, Shop, or Warehouse, or shall counsel, hire, or command any Person to commit any Burglary, being thereof convicted or attainted, or being indicted thereof shall stand mute, or will not directly answer to the Indictment, or shall peremptorily challenge above the Number of twenty Persons returned to be of the Jury, shall not have the Benefit of his or their Clergy.

No. 17.
3 William and
Mary, c. 9.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever be indicted of any Offence, for which, by virtue of any former Statute, he or they are excluded from having the Benefit of his or their Clergy, if he or they had been thereof convicted by Verdict or Confession, if he or they stand mute, or will not answer directly to the Felony, or shall challenge peremptorily above the Number of twenty (8.) Persons returned to be of the Jury, or shall be outlawed thereupon, shall not be admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy.

Persons indicted for a Crime of which being convict they would not have their Clergy, if they stand mute, &c. shall not have it.

(1.) This Statute is more general than 1 E. VI. c. 12. § 12. which confines the Description of the Offence to the robbing any Person in or near the Highway; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 198.

(2.) The better Opinion seems to be, that the Taking must amount to Grand Larceny in respect of Value, unless done in the Presence of some Person, so as to amount to Robbery; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 70.

(3.) The Indictment must alledge a putting in Fear by the Prisoners; R. v. Etherington and Brook, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 71.

(4.) There must be a Breaking, such as in the Night would constitute Burglary; but it is not necessary to alledge Violence to the Persons in the House; E. P. C. ch. 16 § 72. and Authorities there cited.

(5.) This is more general than Stat. 5 and 6 Edward VI. c. 9. *supra*, which only applies to the Cases of the Owner, his Wife, Children or Servants being within the House; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 72.

(6.) Q. Whether a Person present and assisting can be charged as a Principal, or must be expressly indicted as an Aider and Abettor, under this Act; 2 Hale, 346; Foster, 330; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 68, 73, 75. But see *Rex v. Towle*, 2 Hawk. 466. (on 53 Geo. III. c. 58.); *Rex v. Royce*, 4 Bur. 2073. (on Stat. 1 George, st. 2. c. 5.) See the last Class, and the Coalheavers' Case, Leach, Case 35. (on 9 George, c. 42. for shooting) from which it would appear to follow as a general Rule, that Persons present and assisting may, in all Cases not affected by a very particular Penning of the Statute enacting the Offence, be charged as Principals.

(7.) It seems that the Statute, having ousted the Accessories before of Clergy, must necessarily, and by Implication, oust the Principals. See 2 Hale, 346; Foster, 330; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 68, 73, 76.

(8.) The Courts now is merely to disallow the Challenges.

No. 17.
3 William and
Mary, c. 9.
So in a wrong
County, &c.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons hereafter be indicted of Felony for stealing of any Goods or Chattel in any County (9.) within this Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, and thereof be convicted or attainted, or upon his or their Arraignment shall stand mute, or will not directly answer to the Indictment, or shall challenge peremptorily above the Number of twenty Persons returned to be of the Jury, he or they shall be totally excluded from having the Benefit of his or their Clergy, if it appear upon Evidence or Examination before the Justices, that the said Goods or Chattel were taken by Robbery or Burglary, or in any other Manner, in any other County, (10.) whereof if such Person or Persons had been convicted by a Jury of the said other County, he or they are (11.) excluded, by virtue of this or any other Act, from having the Benefit of this or their Clergy.

Buyers of stolen
Goods reputed
Accessaries to
Felony.

IV. And forasmuch as Thieves and Robbers are much encouraged to commit such Offences, because a great Number of Persons make it their Trade and Business to deal in 'the buying of stolen Goods:' Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall buy or receive any Goods or Chattel that shall be feloniously taken or stolen from any other Person, knowing the same to be stolen, he or they shall be taken and deemed an Accessary or Accessaries to such Felony after the Fact, and shall incur the same Punishment, as an Accessary or Accessaries to the Felony after the Felony committed. (12.)

Stealing Goods
from Lodgings
Felony.

V. And whereas it is a frequent Practice for idle and disorderly Persons to hire Lodgings with an Intent to have an Opportunity to take away, imbezel, or purloin the Goods and Furniture being in such Lodgings; (13) be it therefore enacted and declared (14.) by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall take away, with an Intent to steal,

(9.) The Goods which the Party has in the County where convicted must exceed the Value of 12d.; as otherwise he can only have Judgment for Petty Larceny; and the Statute does not create a new Felony. See E. P. C. ch. 16. § 157.

(10.) As to the Mode of charging or proving the Fact of Robbery, &c. in another County, in respect of which the Offender is to be ousted of Clergy, see E. P. C. ch. 16. § 157.

(11.) This does not extend to Cases where Clergy is excluded by subsequent Statutes; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 157.

(12.) This, with the other Provisions respecting stolen Goods, will form the Subject of the following Class.

(13.) In *Rivers's Case*, 1 Hawk. ch. 33. § 10. it was doubted whether a Lodger purloining Furniture was guilty of Larceny; and in *Rex v. Meares*, 1 Sho. 50, 1 W. and M. it was ruled that he was not. But Q. Whether the Contrary would not now be held, on the Ground of the Possession still continuing in the Owner of the House?

(14.) Sir E. H. East says, that although this is a declaratory Act, it must be construed with Reference to the Preamble, which recites that it was "a Practice to hire Lodgings, with Intent," &c.; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 28. But it has been held, in many Cases, that the general Operation of the enacting Part of a Clause should not be controlled by the Preamble stating only a limited Ground of Complaint; although certainly there are Cases the contrary Way.

imbezel, or purloin, any Chattel, Bedding, or Furniture, which by Contract or Agreement he or they are to use, or shall be let to him or them to use, in or with such Lodging, (15) such taking, imbezilling, or purloining, shall be to all Intents and Purposes taken, reputed, and adjudged to be Larceny and Felony, and the Offender shall suffer as in case of Felony.

No. 17.
3 William and
Mary, c. 9.

‘VI. And whereas by the Laws of this Realm, Women convicted of Felony for stealing of Goods and Chattel of the Value of ten Shillings and upwards, and for other Felonies, where a Man is to have the Benefit of his Clergy, are to suffer Death;’ be it therefore enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That where a Man being convicted of any Felony for which he may demand the Benefit of his Clergy, if a Woman be convicted for the same or like Offence, upon her Prayer to have the Benefit of this Statute, Judgment of Death shall not be given against her upon such Conviction, or Execution awarded upon any Outlawry for such Offence, but shall suffer the same Punishment as a Man should suffer, that has the Benefit of his Clergy allowed him in the like Case; that is to say, shall be burnt in the Hand by the Gaoler in open Court, and further be kept in Prison for such Time as the Justices in their Discretion shall think fit, so as the same do not exceed one Year’s Imprisonment.

Women convict
of Crimes for
which Men
have their
Clergy, upon
Prayer punish-
ed as Men.

By 4 and 5 W.
and M, c. 24-
sect. 13.
Women to have
Clergy but once.

‘VII. And forasmuch as such Men who have once had their Clergy, and such Women who shall have once the Benefit of this Statute, may happen to be indicted for an Offence committed afterwards in some other County;’ be it therefore enacted, That the Clerk of the Crown, Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of the Assizes, where such Man or Woman shall be convicted, shall at the Request of the Prosecutor, or any other in their Majesties Behalf, certify a Transcript, briefly and in few Words containing the Effect and Tenor of every Indictment and Conviction of such Man or Woman, of his having the Benefit of the Clergy, or her having the Benefit of this Statute, and addition of every such Person or Persons, and the Certainty of the Felony and Conviction, to the Judges and Justices in such other County where such Man or Woman shall be indicted, which Certificate being produced in Court shall

Where a Person
has had his
Clergy in another
County,
Clerk of the
Crown, &c.
shall certify it.

(15.) An Indictment was for stealing from a Lodging-house. The Prisoner took the entire House and Furniture, and agreed to make good every Thing which was missing; and the Case was ruled not to be within the Act, which was meant to apply to the Case where the Owner had the Possession of the House. It was also thought that the Agreement to make good what was missing took the Case out of the Statute; *Palmer's Case*, E. F. C. ch. 16. § 26; *Leach, Case 284*. An Indictment for stealing “the Goods and Chattels being in a certain Lodging Room in the Dwelling-house of T. N., there situate, let by Contract by the said T. N. to the said Defendant, and to be used by the said Defendant with the Lodging aforesaid”—was sufficient; though objected that it was not stated that the Goods were let at the Time they were stolen; *Burnell's Case*, E. F. C. ch. 16. § 26.—The Indictment must state by and to whom the Lodgings were let; *Pope's Case*, *ibid.*—It has been frequently held, that an Indictment could not be maintained on this Act against a Feme Covert, taking the Lodgings with her Husband.

- No. 17. be a sufficient Proof that such Man hath before had the Benefit
 3 William and of his Clergy, and that such Woman hath had the Benefit of
 Mary, c. 9. this Statute. (Made perpetual by 6 and 7 W. 3. cap. 14. § 1.)

No. 18.

4 William and Mary, c. 8.---An Act for encouraging the apprehending of Highwaymen.

- No. 18. ' WHEREAS the Highways and Roads within the King-
 4 William and ' dom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, have been
 Mary, c. 8. ' of late Time more infested with Thieves and Robbers than
 ' formerly, for want of due and sufficient Encouragement
 ' given, and Means used for the Discovery and Apprehension
 ' of such Offenders, whereby so many Murders and Robberies
 ' have been committed, that it is become dangerous in many
 ' Parts of the Nation for Travellers to pass on their lawful
 ' Occasions, to the great Dishonour of the Laws of this Realm,
 ' and the Government thereof: For Remedy whereof,

Reward to him
 that shall take
 an Highway-
 man.

Extended to
 Robberies in
 London, by
 6 Gen. 1. c. 25.
 sect. 8.

II. Be it enacted by the King's and Queen's most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Five and twentieth Day of *March*, one thousand six hundred ninety and three, all and every Person and Persons, who shall apprehend and take one or more such Thieves or Robbers, and prosecute him or them so apprehended and taken, until he or they be convicted of any Robbery committed in or upon any Highway, Passage, Field, or open Place, shall have and receive from the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County where such Robbery and Conviction shall be made and done, without paying any Fee for the same, for every such Offender so convicted the Sum of forty Pounds, within one Month after such Conviction and Demand thereof made, by tendering a Certificate to the said Sheriff or Sheriffs, under the Hand or Hands of the Judge or Justices before whom such Felon or Felons shall be convicted, certifying the Conviction of such Felon or Felons for a Robbery done within the County of the said Sheriff or Sheriffs, and also that such Felon or Felons was or were taken by the Person or Persons claiming the said Reward; and in case any Dispute shall happen to arise between the Persons so apprehending any of the said Thieves and Robbers touching their Right and Title to the said Reward, that then the said Judge or Justices, so respectively certifying as aforesaid, shall, in and by their said Certificate, direct and appoint the said Reward to be paid unto and amongst the Parties claiming the same, in such Share and Proportions as to the said Judge or Justices shall seem just and reasonable: And if it shall happen any such Sheriff or Sheriffs shall die, or be removed before the Expiration of one Month after such Conviction and Demand made of the said Reward,

(not being paid as aforesaid), that then the next succeeding Sheriff or Sheriffs of the said County shall pay the same within one Month after Demand and Certificate brought as aforesaid ; And if Default of Payment of the said Sum or Sums of Money shall happen to be made by any Sheriff or Sheriffs, such Sheriff or Sheriffs so making Default shall forfeit to the Person or Persons, to whom such Money is due as aforesaid, Double the Sum or Sums of Money he ought to have paid, to be recovered by him or them, or his or their Executors or Administrators, in any of their Majesties Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein but one Imparlance, and no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, with Treble Costs of Suit by him or them expended in the Recovery of the same.

No. 18.

4 William and Mary, c. 8.

How to be recovered.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall happen to be killed by any such Robber or Robbers, endeavouring to apprehend, or in making Pursuit after him or them, that then the Executors or Administrators, or such Person or Persons to whom the Right of Administration of the personal Estate of each Person so killed shall belong, (upon Certificate delivered under the Hands and Seals of the Judge or Justices of Assize for the County where the Fact was done, or the two next Justices of the Peace, of such Person or Persons being so killed, which Certificate the said Judge or Justices, upon sufficient Proof before them made, are immediately required to give without Fee or Reward), shall receive the Sum of forty Pounds from the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County where the said Fact was done and committed, and upon Failure of Payment thereof by the said Sheriff or Sheriffs, Double the said Sum of forty Pounds, to be recovered against him or them, with Treble Costs of Suit, in Manner and Form as aforesaid.

Executors, &c. of Persons killed shall have the Reward.

IV. And it is hereby further enacted, That all Sheriffs, their Executors or Administrators, upon producing such respective Certificates, and the Receipts for the Money by them paid in pursuance of this Act, shall be allowed, and are hereby empowered to deduct, upon their accounting with their Majesties, their Heirs and Successors, all Monies (other than the Double Sum and Sums of Money, and Costs of Suit) which they shall disburse as aforesaid, without any Fee or Reward whatsoever.

Sheriffs shall be allowed it in their Accounts.

V. Provided always, That if, upon the Account of any Sheriff or Sheriffs, there shall not be Monies sufficient in the Hands of such Sheriff or Sheriffs to reimburse him or them such Monies paid by him or them by virtue of this Act, that then the Sheriff or Sheriffs, having so paid the said Monies, shall have the same repaid by the Lord Treasurer, or Commissioners of their Majesties Treasury for the Time being, out of the Revenue of the Crown, upon Certificate from the Clerk of the Pipe to that Effect.

Sheriff not having sufficient, to be repaid by the Treasury.

VI. And it is hereby further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons who shall so take, apprehend, prosecute, Highwayman's Horse, &c.

No. 18. or convict such Robber or Robbers as aforesaid, as a further
 4 William and Reward, shall have and enjoy to his and their proper Use
 Mary, c. 8. and Behoof, the Horse, Furniture, and Arms, Money, or
 given to the Ap- other Goods of the said Robber or Robbers that shall be
 prehend. taken with him or them; any their Majesties Right or Title,
 Bodies Politick or Corporate, or the Right or Title thereunto
 of the Lord of any Manor, Liberty, or Franchise, or of him
 or them lending or letting the same to Hire to any such Rob-
 ber or Robbers, in any wise notwithstanding: Provided
 always, That this Clause, or any Thing therein contained,
 shall not be construed to extend to take away the Right of
 any Person or Persons to such Horses, Furniture and Arms,
 Money, or other Goods, from whom the same were before
 feloniously taken.

Person con-
 cerned discover-
 ing two others
 pardoned.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or
 Persons, being out of Prison, shall, from and after the said five
 and twentieth Day of *March*, commit any Robbery, and
 afterwards discover two or more Person or Persons, who
 already hath, or hereafter shall commit any Robbery, so as
 two or more of the Person or Persons discovered shall be con-
 victed of such Robbery, any such Discoverer shall himself
 have, and is hereby intitled to, the gracious Pardon of their
 Majesties, their Heirs and Successors, for all Robberies which
 he or they shall have committed at any Time or Times before
 such Discovery made; which Pardon shall be likewise a good
 Bar to any Appeal brought for any such Robbery.

No. 19.

10 and 11 William III. c. 23.—An Act for the better ap-
 prehending, prosecuting and punishing of Felons that
 commit Burglary, House-breaking, or Robbery in
 Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses or Stables, or
 that steal Horses.

No. 19.
 10 and 11
 William III.
 c. 23.

‘ WHEREAS the Crimes of Burglary and breaking open
 of Houses in a felonious Manner, and the Crime of
 stealing Goods privately out of Shops and Warehouses, com-
 monly called *Shoplifting*, and the stealing of Horses, are of
 late Years much increased, to the great Detriment and un-
 speakable Loss of many of your Majesty’s good Subjects,
 occasioned for Want of due Prosecution and Punishment of
 Offenders therein, and for Want of Encouragement to such
 as shall vigorously endeavour the apprehending of such
 Malefactors: For preventing whereof be it enacted by the
 King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and
 Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons,
 in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of
 the same, That all and every Person and Persons, that shall at
 Persons stealing

any Time and Times, by Night or in the Day-time, from and after the twentieth Day of *May*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety-nine, in (1.) any Shop, Warehouse, (2.) Coach-house or Stable, privately (3.) and feloniously steal any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, (4.) being of the Value of five Shillings or more (although (5.) such Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house or Stable, be not actually broke open by such Offender or Offenders, and although the Owners of such Goods, or any other Person or Persons, be or be not in such Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house or Stable, to be put in Fear) or shall assist, hire or command any Person or Persons to commit such Offence, being thereof convicted or attainted by Verdict or Confession, or being indicted thereof shall stand mute, or will not directly answer to the Indictment, or shall peremptorily challenge above the Number of three and twenty Persons returned to be of the Jury, shall by Virtue of this Act be absolutely debarred and excluded of and from the Benefit of the Clergy. (6.)

No. 19.
10 and 11
William III.
c. 23.

Goods in any
Shop, &c. of
5s. Value
more,

or assisting
therein,

excluded from
Benefit of
Clergy.

(1.) A Person not actually in the Shop, but only waiting at the Corner of the Street to receive the Goods, is not within this Statute; *Wild's Case*, Note to *Drinkwater's Case*, Leach, Ca. 7; *Godfrey's Case*, Leach, Ca. 141.

(2.) This Means only a Warehouse where Goods are exposed to sale, and not a Warehouse by the Waterside, for receiving Goods intended to be shipped; *Howard's Case*, Foster, 77; or the Warehouse of a Blackwell-hall Factor, where Goods are received for sale on Commission, but not exposed as in Shops; *R. v. Godfrey*, Leach, Ca. 141.

(3.) If the Person is detected, or even if his Conduct excites Suspicion, while he continues in the Shop, &c. it is thought sufficient to repel the Charge of privately stealing.

(4.) This extends only to Goods of the Trader exposed to Sale in the Shop or Warehouse, or to Things usually kept in Coach-houses or Stables; not to a Shirt left in a Mercer's Shop to be sent to be washed; 8 Mod. 165; to a Watch sent to a Watch-maker's to be repaired, and being in the Shew Glass of the Shop, not being there for Sale; *Stern's Case*, Leach, Ca. 162; or Livery Coat of a Coachman hung up in the Stable; Foster, 78; *Stone's Case*, Leach, Ca. 147.

(5.) By this Expression it would seem to be taken for granted, that if there had been a Breaking, the Offence would have been capital; but the opposite Construction is fully established; *Jones's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 79.

(6.) The several Cases on this Clause shew an uniform Disposition, on the Part of the Judges, to give it the most confined Construction which the Language will by any Possibility admit; and have ascribed to it, in judicial Construction, a much more qualified Object and Intention than the Preamble seems to warrant. The Disposition of the Executive Power upon the Subject is also manifested by the Circumstance, that, during the whole of the present Reign, not more than one Instance is known of the Sentence having been carried into Execution. These Circumstances certainly manifest a strong and united Opinion of the general Disproportion subsisting between the Offence and the Punishment to which it is subjected; and it is admitted, that the Sentence ought only to be carried into Execution under very special and extraordinary Circumstances: although certainly it does not seem to be a high Recommendation of a Law, that it ought not to be commonly executed. The Circumstances of Aggravation which sometimes induce the Infliction of capital Punishment, in Cases of Larceny under the Authority of particular Statutes, are usually such as are perfectly collateral to the Ground of Aggravation immediately contemplated by the Statutes themselves, and might be equally applicable in Cases of other Larceny, in respect of which the extraordinary Precaution does not apply. With respect

No. 19.
to and fr
William III.
c. 23.

Prosecutor of
Felon to have a
Certificate.

In case of Dis-
pute, Judge to
appoint the Cer-
tificate into
Shares.

* Altered by 6
Geo. I. c. 23.
§ 8.

By 5 Annæ, c.
31. § 1 Ap-
prehenders of
Burglars and
House-breakers
have a farther
Reward of 40l.

II. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said twentieth Day of *May* one thousand six hundred ninety-nine, all and every Person and Persons; who shall apprehend and take any Person guilty of any the Felonies before mentioned, and prosecute him, her or them so apprehended and taken, until he, she or they be convicted of any the aforesaid Felonies, such Apprehenders and Takers, for his, her or their Reward upon every such Conviction, without any Fee or Reward to be paid for the same, shall have forthwith after every such Conviction a Certificate, which shall be under the Hand or Hands of the Judge, Justice or Justices before whom every such Conviction shall be had, certifying such Conviction, and also within what Parish or Place the Felony was committed, whereof any such Person or Persons was or were convicted as aforesaid, and also that such Felon or Felons was or were discovered and taken, or discovered, or taken, by the Person or Persons so discovering or apprehending any the said Felon or Felons; and in case any Dispute shall happen to arise between any of the Persons so

to the Influence of Terror and Example in preventing the Commission of Offences, the mere Existence of an Enactment in the Statute Book, never carried into Execution but under very extraordinary Circumstances, is not likely to have much Effect in preventing the Commission of such Crimes as are not distinguished from others not subject to the same Consequence; as it is not the Enactment of a Law, but the Probability of its Execution which can be justly calculated upon, as having any Impression on the Conduct of those who may be tempted to commit the Offence intended to be guarded against. Some attempts to repeal this and other statutable Provisions for making Larceny in particular Cases a capital Offence, have of late been the Subject of considerable Discussion. The Principles of Criminal Law, as applicable to the particular Subjects, have been expounded with the greatest Ability; but the Proposals have usually been resisted with Success, as indicating a Spirit of Innovation, and a Wish to deviate from the *Wisdom of our Ancestors*. The Proposal for abolishing the particular Enactment to which the present Note immediately applies, has met with a more favourable Reception than some others; for, after a successful Opposition in one or two Sessions in the House of Commons, the Bill for the Repeal has been, in subsequent Sessions, allowed to pass that House without Comment or Observation, and been successfully resisted, with almost as little Comment or Observation, in the House of Lords. To those who think the Credit of their Forefathers interested in the Preservation of this unexecuted Law, it may be material to notice, that the severest Punishment which, at the time of its Enactment, could be inflicted on Persons admitted to the Benefit of Clergy, was a Burning in the Hand and Imprisonment for a Year; and that Transportation was first applied to Cases of Larceny by Stat. 4 Geo. I. c. 11.

It would be foreign to the present Purpose to enter into any Discussion, whether the Punishment of Transportation ought to be continued, or relinquished agreeably to the Recommendation of a Report made by a Committee of the House of Commons, a few Days before the committing these Observations to the Press. It must be admitted, that between capital Punishment, and the other Punishments, less than Transportation, which can be now inflicted in Cases of Felony, there ought to be intermediate Degrees; and whether Transportation is retained, or a greater Extension of the Penitentiary System is substituted, I do not think that the particular Qualities of the Offence at present under Consideration are such, as to render it less probable that the Law will have its proper Force and Efficacy in respect of them, than in respect of other Cases which are admitted not to require so severe a Remedy as the Punishment of Death.

discovering or apprehending any the said Felon or Felons so convict as aforesaid, touching their Right or Title to the said Certificate, that then the said Judge, Justice or Justices, or the major Part of them, so respectively making such Certificate as aforesaid, shall in and by his or their Certificate, direct and appoint the said Certificate into so many Shares, to be divided amongst the Persons therein concerned, as to the said Judge, Justice or Justices, or the major Part of them shall seem just and reasonable, which Certificate shall and may be once assigned over and no more, and the original Proprietor of such Certificate, or the Assignee of the same, whosoever of them shall have the Interest therein by Virtue thereof and of this present Act, shall and may be discharged of and from all and all Manner of Parish and Ward Offices, within the Parish (7.) or Ward wherein such Felony or Felonies shall be committed, and such Party or Assignee is hereby declared to be discharged therefrom; which said Certificate shall be inrolled by the Clerk of the Peace of the County in which the same shall be granted; for which Inrollment the said Clerk of the Peace of the County or City, in which the same shall be granted, shall have for his Fee the Sum of one Shilling, and no more.

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c. 23.

Certificate may
be once assigned.
Assignee dis-
charged from
Parish and
Ward Offices.

Certificate to be
inrolled.

III. Provided nevertheless, That if any Person having such Certificate, shall at any Time make Use of the said Certificate to exempt him from any Parish or Ward Office, such Person so making Use of the said Certificate, or any other Person or Persons claiming any Interest therein, shall not assign over the said Certificate to any Person or Persons whatsoever.

Proviso.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall happen to be slain by any such House-breakers, Horse-stealers, or other Felon aforesaid, by endeavouring to apprehend, or in making Pursuit after him, her or them, or any of them, that then the Executors or Administrators of such Person or Persons so slain, to whom the Right of Administration of the personal Estate of every Person so slain shall belong, shall have the said Certificate in Manner as aforesaid, without Fee or Reward as aforesaid.

If Persons be
slain in Pursuit
of House-break-
ers, &c. Execu-
tors to have the
Certificate
without Fee,

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the said twentieth Day of May in the said Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety and nine, shall commit any Burglary, House-breaking, or Felony in stealing of any Horse or Horses, or any Money, Wares or Goods, from whom the Benefit of the Clergy is by this Act taken away, and being out of Prison, shall discover two or more Person or Persons, who already hath, or hereafter shall commit any such Burglary, Horse-stealing or Felony as afore-

House-breakers,
&c. discovering
two or more Fe-
lons, intitled to
the King's Par-
don,

(7.) Where a Parish is part of a Manor, the Certificate does not exempt from Offices relating to the Manor; *Rex v. Darbyshire*, 2 Bur. 1182; but where a Parish consists of several Townships, the Exemption extends to the Officers of the respective Townships; *Moseley v. Stouchouse*, 7 East, 171.

No. 19.
to and 11
William III.
c. 23.

to be a good Bar
to Appeal.

Persons con-
victed of Theft
or Larceny, in-
stead of burning
in the Hand, to
be burnt in the
left Cheek in
open Court.

* Repealed by
5 Annæ, c. 6.
s. 1.

Evidence to pay
no Fee, &c.

Fee for Bill of
Indictment.

Clerk of Assize,
&c. drawing de-
fective Bill, to
draw a new one
gratis.

Penalty.

said, and shall be convicted thereof, or cause to be discovered and apprehended two Persons or more, who shall be convicted as aforesaid, every such Discoverer shall have, and is hereby intitled to his Majesty's most gracious Pardon for the Burglaries, House-breakings, Horse-stealings, or Felonies as aforesaid, which he, she or they shall have committed at any Time or Times before such Discovery made; which Pardon shall be likewise a good Bar to any Appeal brought or to be brought for any such Burglary, House-breaking, Horse-stealing or Felony.

* VI. And forasmuch as many evil-disposed Persons might be deterred from offending, should the Punishment by Law to be inflicted on such Persons be made more visible; Be it further enacted, That from and after the said twentieth Day of May one thousand six hundred ninety-nine, all and every Person and Persons who shall be convicted of or for any Theft or Larceny, and shall have the Benefit of the Clergy allowed thereupon, or ought to be burnt in the Hand for such Offence, instead of being burnt in the Hand, shall with the usual Mark wherewith such Offenders, according to the Laws now in Force, ought to be burnt in the Hand, be burnt in the most visible Part of the left Cheek nearest the Nose, which Punishment shall be inflicted in open Court, in the Presence of the Judge, who is hereby directed and required to see the same strictly and effectually executed; any former Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

* VII. And whereas the great Fees that are often demanded and received by Clerks of Assize, of Persons that appear as Witnesses against Felons, tend very much to the discouraging their Conviction, to the great Damage of his Majesty's good Subjects: To remedy the same for the future be it enacted, That no Clerk of Assize, Clerk of the Peace, or other Person whatsoever, shall demand, take or receive any Fee or Reward of any Person whatsoever that shall be bound by any Justice of the Peace to appear to give Evidence against any Traitor or Felon, for the Discharge of any Recognizance for such Appearance, nor shall demand or receive more than two Shillings for the drawing any Bill of Indictment against any such Felon, upon the Pain of forfeiting to the Person aggrieved, for every such Offence, the Sum of five Pounds, with full Costs of Suit.

* VIII. And whereas it often happens that Clerks of Assize, Clerks of the Crown, Clerks of the Peace, Clerks of the Indictments, or other proper Officers, their Clerks or Deputies, do draw Bills defective; Be it enacted, That if any Clerk of Assize, Clerk of the Crown, Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of the Indictments, or other proper Officer, or their Clerks or Deputies, shall draw any Bill defective, they shall draw new Bills without demanding any Fee or Reward whatsoever, or forfeit the Sum of five Pounds, with full Costs of

Suit, and that all the Forfeitures aforesaid shall be recovered by him, her or them that will sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

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No. 20.

5 Anne, c. 6.—An Act for repealing a Clause in an Act intituled, “An Act for the better apprehending, prosecuting, and punishing Felons that commit Burglaries, House Breaking, or Robberies in Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, or Stables, or that steal Horses.”

“WHEREAS by an Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William the Third*, intituled, “An Act for the better apprehending, prosecuting, and punishing Felons that commit Burglaries, House-breaking, or Robbery in Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, or Stables, or that steal Horses;” it is (amongst other Things) enacted, That from and after the twentieth Day of *May* one thousand six hundred ninety-nine, all and every Person and Persons, who should be convicted of or for any Theft or Larceny, and should have the Benefit of the Clergy allowed thereupon, or ought to be burnt in the Hand for such Offence, instead of being burnt in the Hand, should be burnt in the most visible Part of the left Cheek nearest the Nose: And whereas it hath been found by Experience, that the said Punishment hath not had its desired Effect, by deterring such Offenders from the further committing such Crimes and Offences, but on the contrary, such Offenders being rendered thereby unfit to be intrusted in any Service or Employment to get their Livelihood in any honest and lawful Way, become the more desperate; Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the fourteenth Day of *February* which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and six, so much of the said Act as inflicts or concerns the inflicting the said Punishment of burning in the Cheek, shall be and is hereby repealed.

No. 20.
5 Anne,
c. 6.

10 & 11 W. 3.
c. 23.

Clause for burning of Offenders in the Cheek repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall, from and after the said fourteenth Day of *February*, be convicted of any Theft or Larceny, and shall have the Benefit of this Act allowed thereupon, or ought by the Laws in Force before the making the said Act, to be burned in the Hand for such Offence, shall be burnt in the Hand, as formerly they should or ought to have been before the making of the said Act; and

Offenders to be burnt in the Hand as formerly:

No. 20.

5 Anne,
c. 6.And committed
to Workhouse,
&c. for six
Months, &c.Penalty on such
as refuse to
work.If Offenders
escape and be
re-taken, to be
committed to
Workhouse for
twelve Months,
&c.and kept at hard
Labour.Felon convicted
to have Benefit
of this Act,
without being
required to
read, &c.

the Judge or Justices before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be tried and convicted, shall also, at his or their Discretion, award and give Judgment, That such Offender and Offenders shall be committed to some House of Correction or publick Work-house within the County, City, Town, or Place where such Conviction shall be, there to be, remain, and be kept, without Bail or Mainprize, for such Time as such Judge or Justices shall then judge and award, not less than six Months, and not exceeding two Years, to be accounted from the Time of such Conviction, and an Entry thereof shall be made of Record, pursuant to such Judgment and Award, and such Offender and Offenders, so judged and awarded to remain and be kept in such House of Correction or publick Work-house, shall be there set at Work, and kept at hard Labour for and during such Time as shall be so adjudged and recorded: and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to work and Labour as they ought to do, the Master or Keeper of such House of Correction or publick Work-house respectively, is hereby required to give such Person such due Correction as shall be fit and necessary in that Behalf.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any such Offender or Offenders shall, after such Judgment given, escape out of Prison, or out of such House of Correction or publick Work-house, as he she or they shall be committed unto as aforesaid, such Person or Persons, being afterwards retaken, shall be brought before some or one of her Majesty's Judges, or before two or more Justices of the Peace (whereof one to be of the *Quorum*) of such County, City, Town, or Place, where such Offender or Offenders shall be so retaken; which Judge or Justices are hereby required to commit such Offender and Offenders to some House of Correction or publick Work-house, within such County, City, Town, or Place, where he, she, or they shall be so retaken, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not less than twelve Months, and not exceeding four Years, to be accounted from the Time of such retaking, and there to be set at work and kept at hard Labour, and receive such due Correction, as aforesaid; and in case any Master or Keeper of any House of Correction, or publick Work-house, shall neglect to do his Duty, as above directed, any Judge or Justice of Assize or Gaol Delivery, upon Complaint, and due Proof thereof upon the Oath of one or more Witnesses to him made, shall be and is hereby empowered to remove every such Person from his said Office.

IV. And forasmuch as when any Person is convicted for any Felony within the Benefit of Clergy, upon his Prayer to have the Benefit thereof allowed to him, it hath been used to administer a Book to him to try whether he can read as a Clerk, which by Experience is found to be of no Use; Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said fourteenth Day of *February*, if any Person be convicted of any such Felony, for which he ought to have

had the Benefit of his Clergy if this Act had not been made, and shall pray to have the Benefit of this Act, he shall not be required to read, but without any reading, shall be allowed, taken, and reputed to be, and punished as, a Clerk convict, which shall be as effectual to all Intents and Purposes, and be as advantageous to him, as if he had read as a Clerk; any Thing in this Act, or any other Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 20.
5 Anne,
c. 6.

No. 21.

5 Anne, c. 31.--An Act for the Encouraging the Discovery and Apprehending of Housebreakers.

‘**W**HEREAS the Crime of Burglary and breaking open Houses in a felonious Manner, are of late Years become more frequent than formerly, to the great Disquiet, Terror, and Impoverishing of many of your Majesty’s good Subjects; which Crimes might be, in great Measure, prevented, if due Encouragement be given to such as shall vigorously endeavour the Discovery and apprehending of such Malefactors, and some severe Punishment inflicted on such as shall receive or buy stolen Goods, and harbour and protect the said Offenders:’ For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the tenth Day of May one thousand seven hundred and seven, all and every Person and Persons who shall apprehend and take any Person or Persons guilty of Burglary, or the felonious Breaking and Entering of any House in the Day-time, and prosecute him, her, or them, so apprehended and taken, until he, she, or they be convicted of such Burglary or Felony, shall have and receive, over and above the Rewards given by one Act of Parliament made at *Westminster*, in the tenth and eleventh Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* of glorious Memory, intituled, “An Act for the better Apprehending, Preventing, and Punishing of Felons that commit Burglary, House-breaking, or Robbery in Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, or Stables, or that steal Horses,” the Sum of forty Pounds within one Month after such Conviction, to be paid by the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County where such Felony or Burglary shall be made and done, without any Fee for the same, to the Person or Persons so taking, apprehending, and prosecuting the said Offenders, he and they rendering a Certificate to the said Sheriff or Sheriffs, under the Hand or Hands of the Judges or Justices before whom such Felon shall be convicted for such Burglary or Felony, certifying the Conviction of such Felon for the said Offence or Offences, and in what Parish the same was committed, and also that such Felon or Felons

No. 21.
5 Anne,
c. 31.

Apprehenders of Burglars, &c. to have 40 l. over and above the Rewards by 10 & 11 W. 3. c. 23.

payable by Sheriff.

No. 21.
§ Anne,
c. 31.

Justices in case
of Dispute to di-
rect in their
Certificate how
Reward shall
be paid.

was or were taken by the Person or Persons claiming the said Reward; and in case any Dispute shall happen to arise between the Persons so apprehending any the said Felons, touching their Right and Title to the said Reward, that then the said Judge or Justices so respectively certifying as aforesaid, shall in and by their said Certificate direct and appoint the said Reward to be paid to and amongst the Parties claiming the same, in such Share and Proportions as to the said Judge or Justices shall seem just and reasonable; and if it shall happen that any such Sheriff or Sheriffs shall die or be removed before the Expiration of one Month after such Conviction and Demand made of the said Reward (not being paid as aforesaid) that then the next succeeding Sheriff or Sheriffs shall pay the same within one Month after Demand, and Certificate brought as aforesaid; and if Default of Payment of the said Sum or Sums of Money shall happen to be made by any Sheriff or Sheriffs, such Sheriff or Sheriffs so making Default shall forfeit to the Person or Persons to whom such Money is due as aforesaid, double the Sum or Sums of Money he or they ought to have paid, to be recovered by him or them, or his or their Executors or Administrators, in any of her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein but one Imparlance, and no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, with Treble Costs of Suit, by him or them expended in the Recovery of the same.

Watchman or
other killed in
Pursuit of
House-breaker,
his Executor,
&c. entitled to
the 40l.
By 3 Geo. 1.
c. 15 § 4.
Sheriffs may ap-
ply to the Treas-
ury without
charging this
Money in their
Account.

II. And be it further enacted, That in case any Watchman, or any other Person or Persons shall happen to be killed by any such Burglar or House-breaker, endeavouring to apprehend, or in making Pursuit after him or them, that then the Executors or Administrators, or such Person or Persons to whom the Right of Administration of the Personal Estate of such Person so killed shall belong, upon Certificate delivered under the Hands and Seals of the Judge or Justices of Assize of the County where the Fact was committed, or the two next Justices of the Peace, of such Person or Persons being so killed, which Certificate the said Judge or Justices, upon sufficient Proof before them made, are immediately required to give without Fee or Reward, shall receive the Sum of forty Pounds from the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County where the said Fact was done and committed; and upon Failure of Payment thereof by the said Sheriff or Sheriffs, double the Sum of forty Pounds to be recovered against them, with Treble Costs of Suit, in Manner and Form as aforesaid.

Sheriff to deduct
Monies so paid
on their Ac-
counts,

III. And it is hereby further enacted, That all Sheriffs, their Executors, and Administrators, upon producing such respective Certificates, and the Receipts for the Money paid by them, in pursuance of this Act, shall be allowed, and are hereby empowered to deduct, upon their Accounts, all Monies, other than double the Sum and Sums of Money, and Treble Costs of Suit, which they shall disburse as aforesaid; and that if upon Account of any Sheriff or Sheriffs, there shall not be

Money sufficient in the Hands of such Sheriff or Sheriffs to reimburse him or them such Monies paid by him or them by virtue of this Act, that then the Sheriff or Sheriffs having so paid the said Monies, shall have the same repaid by the Lord Treasurer, or Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, out of the Revenue of the Crown, upon Certificate from the Clerk of the Pipe to that Effect.

No. 21.
5 Anne,
c. 31.
and be repaid by
Lord Treasurer.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons being out of Prison, shall from and after the said tenth Day of *May* commit any Burglary or Felony as aforesaid, and afterwards discover two or more Persons who already have, or hereafter shall commit any such Burglaries or Felonies, so as two or more of the Persons discovered shall be convicted of such Burglary or Felony, any such Discoverer shall himself have the like Reward and Allowance of forty Pounds hereby promised to be paid to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend and convict House-breakers, and all other Advantages given to such Taker and Prosecutor, and shall also be himself entitled to the gracious Pardon of her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for all Burglaries, Robberies, and Felonies (except Murder and Treason) by him committed at any Time or Times before such Discovery made, which Pardon shall be likewise a good Bar to any Appeal brought for such Burglary, Robbery or Felony.

Felon, &c. discovering two or more Felons, shall on Conviction be entitled to Reward,

and be pardoned.

V. And forasmuch as the said Felons are much encouraged to commit such Burglaries and Felonies, because a great Number of Persons make it a Trade to receive and buy of the said Felons the Goods so by them feloniously taken, and also do make it their Business to harbour and conceal the said Offenders after the said Facts, knowing the said Felonies and Burglaries to have been by them committed: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall receive or buy any Goods or Chattels that shall be feloniously taken or stolen from any other Person, knowing the same to be stolen, or shall receive, harbour, or conceal any Burglars, Felons, or Thieves, knowing them to be so, shall be taken and received as Accessary or Accessaries to the said Felony or Felonies; and being of either of the said Offences legally convicted, by the Testimony of one or more credible Witnesses, shall suffer and incur the Pains of Death as a Felon convict. (1.)

Buyers or Receivers of stolen Goods, made Accessaries, &c.

VI. Provided always, That if any such principal Felon cannot be taken, so as to be prosecuted and convicted for any such Offence, yet nevertheless it shall and may be lawful to prosecute and punish every such Person and Persons buying or receiving any Goods stolen, by any such principal Felon, knowing the same to be stolen, as for a Misdemeanor, to be punished by Fine and Imprisonment, or other such corporal Punishment as the Court shall think fit to inflict, although the principal Felon be not before convict of the said Felony,

If principal Felon cannot be taken, Accessary to be tried as for a Misdemeanor.

(1.) This and the following Section will be included, with the other Provisions respecting Stolen Goods, in the next Class.

No. 21. which shall exempt the Offender from being punished as
 5 Anne, Accessary, if such principal Felon shall be afterwards taken
 c. 31. and convicted.

Judges, &c.
 to settle the
 Shares of Per-
 sons to the Cer-
 tificate, &c.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authori-
 ty aforesaid, That the Judge or Justices (before whom such
 Felons and House-breakers shall be convicted, as aforesaid)
 shall determine and settle the Right, Rights, and Shares of
 such respective Persons, who by virtue of this Act shall be
 entitled to the Certificate herein directed to be given, and shall
 also (being thereunto required) make out and deliver, or cause
 to be made out and delivered, the said Certificate without Fee
 or Reward to such Person or Persons entitled thereunto, before
 the End of such Assizes or Sessions wherein such Conviction,
 as aforesaid, shall be had.

[VIII. No Sheriff of London or Middlesex to take of Under Sheriff any
 Gratuity for Place of under Sheriff. — Nor oblige him to be at any Ex-
 pence, &c. — Exception.]

No. 22.

12 Anne, stat. 1. c. 7.—An Act for the more effectual
 preventing and punishing Robberies that shall be
 committed in Houses.

No. 22.
 12 Anne,
 st. 1. c. 7.

'FORASMUCH as divers wicked and ill-disposed Servants,
 and other Persons, are encouraged to commit Robberies
 in Houses, by the Privilege, as the Law now is, of demand-
 ing the Benefit of their Clergy; Be it therefore enacted by
 the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice
 and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-
 mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Au-
 thority of the same, That all and every Person or Persons that
 shall, at any Time, from and after the first Day of July in the
 Year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen, feloniously
 steal any Money, Goods or Chattels, Wares or Merchandizes,
 (1.) of the Value of forty Shillings (2.) or more, being in any
 Dwelling-house (3.) or Outhouse thereunto belonging, although

Persons stealing
 to the Value of
 40s. being in a
 Dwelling
 House, though
 such House, &c.
 be not broken,
 &c. and being

(1.) Bank Notes and other written Instruments, of which Larceny may
 be committed under Stat. 2 Geo. II. § 25, are deprived of Clergy under this
 Statute; Dean's Case, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 83.

(2.) Several Larcenies cannot be added together to constitute this
 Offence; and it must therefore appear by the Evidence, that Property to
 the Value of 40s. was taken at one Time; R. v. Petrie, Leach, Ca. 145;
 2 E. 740.

(3.) The same Circumstances are requisite to constitute a Dwelling-
 house with Reference to this Act, as are necessary in Case of Burglary. And
 a House in which neither the Prosecutor nor any of his Family lived or
 resided, although a Person may have slept therein in order to take Care of
 the Furniture, is not within the Act. See the several Cases of Lyons and
 Miller, Holland, Thompson, Harris and Davis, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 12.
 The Act is considered as being passed principally for the Protection of the
 Owner of the House, and is therefore held not to extend to a Larceny com-
 mitted by the Owner or his Wife. See the several Cases of Mac Donnell and
 Gould, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 81. The Act also only extends to protect Pro-

such House or Outhouse be not actually broken by such Offender, and although the Owner of such Goods, or any other Person or Persons, be or be not in such House or Outhouse, or shall assist or aid any Person or Persons to commit any such Offence, being thereof convicted or attainted by Verdict or Confession, or being indicted thereof shall stand mute, or will not directly answer to the Indictment, or shall peremptorily challenge above the Number of twenty returned to be of the Jury, shall, by virtue of this Act, be absolutely debarred of and from the Benefit of Clergy; any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 22.
12 Anne,
st. 1. c. 7.
thereof convicted,
shall be debarred the
Benefit of
Clergy.

II. Provided always, That nothing in this Act shall extend to Apprentices under the Age of fifteen Years, who shall rob their Masters, as aforesaid.

III. And whereas there has been some Doubt, whether the entering into the Mansion-house of another, without breaking the same, with an Intent to commit some Felony, and breaking the said House in the Night-time to get out, be Burglary; Be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall enter into the Mansion or Dwelling House of another, by Day or by Night, without breaking the same, with an Intent to commit Felony, or being in such House shall commit any Felony, and shall in the Night time break the said House to get out of the same, such Person is and shall be adjudged and taken to be guilty of Burglary, and shall be ousted of the Benefit of his and her Clergy, in the same Manner as if such Person had broke and entred the said House in the Night-time, with an Intent to commit Felony there. (4.)

Entering into a
House without
breaking it, or
being there
committing Fe-
lony, and
breaking the
House in the
Night to get
out, shall be
Burglary.

perty usually kept or deposited in the House, as distinguished from Property under the Protection of the Person; and not to Cases of Ring-dropping and other Tricks amounting to Larceny. See the Cases of Campbell, Owen and Castledine, L. P. C. ch. 16 § 82.

(4) This was said to have been Law before. But it had been doubted by Hult and Trevor C. J. in the Case of Elizabeth Clarke, O. B. 1707, upon a special Verdict found by the Direction of the former; in Consequence of which the Act was passed; E. P. C. ch. 15. § 6. and Authorities there cited.

No. 23.

12 Anne, stat. 2. c. 18.—An Act for the Preserving all such Ships and Goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on Shore, or stranded, upon the Coasts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majesty's Dominions.

[Inserted Pt. III. Cl. II. No. 8.]

No. 24.

4 George I. c. 11. — An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; and for declaring the Law upon some Points relating to Pirates.*

* This Act will be inserted in the last Class of the present Part, with the other Provisions respecting Transportation. The Clause against receiving Stolen Goods will form one of the Numbers of Class VIII. infra.

No. 25.

jp. 6 George I. c. 23. — An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons.†

No. 25.
6 George I.
c. 23.

VIII. **A**ND whereas frequent Robberies have been lately committed in the Streets of *London* and *Westminster*, and other Cities, Towns and Places, and Doubts have arisen whether any Reward could be allowed to Persons concerned in the apprehending, prosecuting and convicting such Offenders, which may prove a Discouragement to Persons who otherwise may be willing to undertake the same: Be it hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Streets of *London* and *Westminster*, and other Cities, Towns and Places, shall be deemed and taken to be Highways to all Intents and Purposes, within the Intent and Meaning of an Act made in the fourth and fifth Years of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, “An Act for the encouraging the apprehending of Highwaymen;” and all Certificates to be hereafter signed upon Convictions for Robbery, shall be signed and paid without any Deduction, Fee or Reward to be taken for the same, excepting any Sum not exceeding five Shillings for the Writing and Drawing thereof, and that as well where any Offender or Offenders plead guilty, as where they are convicted on Evidence; and if any Person or Persons, under the Pretence of signing or procuring to be signed any such Certificate, or on Account of Payment of the Money allowed therein, shall take any Fee or Reward for the same, other than as aforesaid, every such Person or Persons offending therein, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of forty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, Suit or Information, in any of his Majesty’s Courts of Record at *Westminster*, where no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed; or any more than one Imparlance; such Forfeiture to be to the Use of the Person or Persons entitled to the said

The Streets of *London*, *Westminster*, &c. shall be deemed Highways within the 4 & 5 W. & M. c. 8. And all Certificates upon Conviction for Robbery shall be paid without Fee; except 5s. for writing, and Persons taking more shall forfeit 50 l.

† For the preceding Sections of this Act, see the Laws respecting Transportation, in the last Class of the present Part. For Section XI, respecting Assaults with Intent to spoil Cloaths, see Class VI. supra.

Certificate, on the Account of which such Fee or Reward was taken as aforesaid.

‘IX. And whereas the Practice of taking Money to help Persons to their stolen Goods, and sharing it with the Felons, is still continued in Defiance of the Laws, and to the Encouragement of Felons:’ Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whoever shall discover, apprehend and prosecute to Conviction of Felony without Benefit of Clergy, any Person or Persons for the said Offence of taking Money or other Reward, directly or indirectly, to help any Person or Persons to their stolen Goods (such Offender not having apprehended the Felon who stole the same, and brought him or her to Trial for the same, and given Evidence against him or her as required by Law) shall be entitled to a Reward of forty Pounds for every such Offender so convicted, as aforesaid, and shall have the like Certificate, and like Payments made without Fee or Reward as any Person or Persons may be entitled unto for the apprehending, prosecuting and convicting of Highwaymen by any Law or Laws for that Purpose.

X. And be it further declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the Reward of forty Pounds for the apprehending and convicting any Person or Persons for Burglary, shall be paid without any Deduction as aforesaid, for every Offender who shall be apprehended and convicted for the said Crime.

† See the next Class.

No. 25.

6 George I.

c. 23.

Prosecuting to Conviction any Person for taking a Reward for helping to stolen Goods, shall be entitled to 40 l.
4 Geo. I. c. 12. sect. 4. †

The Reward of 40l. to be paid without Deduction.

No. 26.

2 George II. c. 25. — An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury and Subornation of Perjury; and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes or other Securities for Payment of Money.*

III. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, after the said twenty-ninth Day of June shall steal or take by Robbery any Exchequer Orders or Tallies, or other Orders, intitling any other Person or Persons to any Annuity or Share in any parliamentary Fund, or any Exchequer Bills, Bank Notes, (1.) South-Sea Bonds, East-India Bonds, Dividend Warrants of the Bank, South-Sea Company, East-India Company or any other Company, Society or Corporation, Bills of Ex-

No. 26.

2 George II.

c. 25.

To steal Orders Tallies, &c. Felony.

* Passed for five Years. — Revived and made perpetual 9 Geo. II. c. 18. For Section I. respecting Forgery, and Section II. respecting Perjury, see those respective Titles, post.

(1.) Stealing one Bank Note, &c. is sufficient to constitute a Felony within the Act; Hassel’s Case, Leach, 1. E. P. C. ch. 16. § 37. An Indictment for stealing a Note, commonly called a Bank Note, is not good; as it does not follow any of the Descriptions of the Statute; Craven’s Case, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 37.

No. 26.
2 George II.
c. 25.

change, (2.) Navy Bills or Debentures, Goldsmiths Notes for Payment of Money, or other Bonds or Warrants, Bills or Promissory Notes (3.) for the Payment of any Money, (4.) being the Property of any other Person or Persons, or of any Corporation, notwithstanding any of the said Particulars are termed in Law a *Chose in Action*, (5.) it shall be deemed and construed to be Felony, of the same Nature and in the same Degree, and with or without the Benefit of Clergy, (6.) in the same Manner as it would have been, if the Offender had stolen or taken by Robbery, any other Goods of like Value with the Money due on such Orders, Tallies, Bills, Bonds, Warrants, Debentures or Notes, or secured thereby, and remaining unsatisfied, and such Offender shall suffer such Punishment as he or she should or might have done, if he or she had stolen other Goods of the like Value with the Monies due on such Orders, Tallies, Bonds, Bills, Warrants, Debentures or Notes respectively, (7.) or secured thereby, and remaining unsatisfied; any Law to the contrary thereof in any wise used notwithstanding. (8.)

(2.) An Indictment for stealing a Bill, indorsed with the Name of A. B. and C. D. held good, although the Prisoner afterwards indorsed the Name D. E. and there was no Proof of his having it in the County in which he was indicted, without such last Indorsement; *R. v. Austin*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 37.

(3.) *One Promissory Note for the Payment of five Pounds* is a sufficient Description; *Milner's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 37.

(4.) Where the Prisoner by Duress, and under a Menace of Death, compelled the Prosecutor to sign a Promissory Note, previously written on a Stamp brought by her to him for the Purpose, it was ruled not to be a Stealing within the Act; *Phipoe's Case*, Leach, Ca. 283.

(5.) It is incorrect to describe the Subjects above enumerated, as *Chattels*; but the Word may be rejected as a Surplusage; *R. v. Sadt and Morris*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 37. In the same Case, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 143. there was a Difference of Opinion amongst the Judges, whether the Receiving the Articles mentioned in the Statute was an Offence within the Acts against receiving Stolen Goods; but the Majority were of Opinion that it was not. Sir E. H. East suggests a Doubt, whether this Opinion was not overruled by *Dean's Case*, and other Cases mentioned *infra*, where stealing the Property in Question was held within the Statutes taking away the Benefit of Clergy; but the Cases clearly stand on very different Grounds; the one relating to the Description of the Property as satisfying the Words of the Statutes against Receivers—the other upon the Consequences attaching, under the immediate Authority of the present Act, to the Offences included therein. And the late Sir Alexr. Thomson, in a Case in which I was Counsel, expressly decided that an Indictment could not be maintained in such Case against a Receiver.

(6.) The Stealing of these Descriptions of Property is ousted of Clergy, under the Acts for stealing in Dwelling-Houses; or in other Cases where particular Larcenies are made capital by Statute; *Dean's Case*, Leach, Ca. 283. E. P. C. ch. 16. § 83; *Milnes's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 37.

(7.) Ruled that an Indictment for stealing nine Bank Notes for the Payment of divers Sums of Money, amounting in the whole to £9, was sufficient; and that it was not necessary to aver that each of the Notes was for the Payment of £1; *R. v. Johnson*, Leach, 4th. Ed. Ca. 506.

(8.) This Statute having expired and been re-enacted by 9 George II. R. that an Indictment concluding *contra Formam Statuti* is sufficient; *Morgan's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 37.

4 George II. c. 32.—An Act for the more effectual punishing Stealers of Lead or Iron Bars fixed to Houses, or any Fences belonging thereunto.

WHEREAS the pernicious Practice of stealing Lead, Iron Bars, Iron Gates, Iron Palisadoes and Iron Rails fixed to Dwelling-houses, Out-houses, Coach-houses, Stables, and other Buildings, and fixed in Gardens, Orchards, Court-yards, Fences and Out-lets, belonging to Dwelling-houses and other Buildings, hath of late Time been much used, to the great Detriment of his Majesty's Subjects; and it is necessary, for the more effectual preventing of such Offences, to inflict a more exemplary Punishment on such Offenders, than by the Laws of this Realm can now be done; Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, all and every Person and Persons, who shall steal, rip, cut or break, with Intent to steal, any Lead, Iron (1.) Bar, Iron Gate, Iron Palisadoe, or Iron Rail whatsoever, being fixed to any Dwelling-house, Out-house, Coach-house, Stable or other Building, (2.) used or occupied with such Dwelling-house, or thereunto belonging, or to any other Building whatsoever, or fixed in any Garden, Orchard, Court-yard, Fence or Outlet, (3.) belonging to any Dwelling-house or other Building, shall be deemed and construed to be guilty of Felony; (4.) and every such Felon and Felons shall be subject and liable to the like Pains and Penalties as in Cases of Felony; and the Court, by and before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried, shall, and hereby have Power and Authority to transport such Felons for the Space of seven Years, in like Manner as other Felons are directed to be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; and all and every Person and Persons who shall be aiding, abetting or assisting in stealing, or in such ripping, cutting or breaking any Lead, Iron Bar, Iron Gate, Iron Palisadoe or Iron Rail, fixed to any

No. 27.
4 George II.
c. 32.

Stealers of
Lead, Iron
Bars, &c. fixed
to Houses, or
any Fences be-
longing thereto,
shall be guilty
of Felony.

and be transported
for seven
Years.

(1.) A Window Casement, made of Iron, Lead and Glass, ruled not to be within the Act; *R. v. Senior, Leach, Ca. 227.*

(2.) Lead, &c. fixed to a Church is within the Act. The Article may be laid to be the Property of the Vicar, but not of the Inhabitants or Churchwardens; but the better way is to describe it only as affixed to the Church; or, in case of Lead, &c. fixed to a House, to charge it as fixed to a House belonging to A. B.; *Hickman's Case, Leach, Ca. 137. E. P. C. ch. 16. § 31.*

(3.) An Iron Rail to a Tomb Stone in the Church-Yard, not connected by any Building with the Church, ruled not to be within the Act; *R. v. Davies, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 31.*

(4.) A Defendant under this Act may be convicted, and have Judgment for Petty Larceny; *E. P. C. ch. 16. § 31.* A Person entering into a Contract for the Purpose of getting fraudulent Possession of a House, and stripping it of the Lead, &c. ruled to be within the Act; *Munday's Case, ibid.*

ously (2.) assault, (3.) or (4.) shall by Menaces, or in or by any forcible or violent Manner, demand (5.) any Money, Goods or Chattles, of or from any other Person or Persons with a felonious Intent to rob (6.) or commit Robbery upon such (7.) Person or Persons, that then, and in every such Case, all and every such Person and Persons so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be, and be adjudged guilty of Felony, and every such Offender and Offenders shall be subject and liable to be transported as in Cases of Felony; and the Courts by and before whom he, she, or they shall be tried and convicted, shall have full Power and Authority of transporting such Offenders for the Space of seven Years, upon the like Terms and Conditions, and by the same Ways and Means, and in like Manner as other Felons may or are to be transported to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, by force or virtue of any Law for that Purpose now in being.

No. 28.
7 George II.
c. 21.

Design to rob,
shall be trans-
ported for 7
Years.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such Offender or Offenders aforesaid, who shall be ordered for Transportation by or by virtue of this present Act, shall break Gaol, or escape before such Transportation, or shall return into any Part of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* before the Expiration of the said seven Years, for which such Offender or Offenders shall be so ordered to be transported, as aforesaid, contrary to the Intent and Meaning hereof; all and every such Person and Persons so breaking Gaol, escaping, or returning

Such Convicts
breaking Gaol,
or unlawfully
returning from
Transportation,
shall suffer
Death.

in the Indictment) necessarily proves a Staff or a Stone to be an offensive Weapon within the Act

(2.) An Indictment for an *Assault* with Intent, &c. must charge it to be unlawfully and maliciously, as well as feloniously; this is not necessary in an Indictment for a *Demand*, as the Act is in the Disjunctive; *Pegge's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 8. § 12.

(3.) A Commitment for an *Assault* with Intent, &c. not stating it to be made with a Weapon, nor stating any Demand by Menaces, &c. held not to be within the Act, and the Defendant bailed; *R. v. Remnant*, 5 T. R. 169.

(4.) An Indictment that the Defendant did assault, and did menace to blow out the Brains of the Prosecutor, with Intent, &c. is not sufficient. It must either state an *Assault* with an offensive Weapon, or that the Defendant by Menaces, or in a forcible or violent Manner, did demand Money, &c. *R. v. Jackson and Randall*, Leach, Ca. 133; E. P. C. ch. 8. § 21.

(5.) In *Parfait's Case*, Leach, Ca. 8. it was ruled, that holding a Pistol to a Coachman, and saying "stop," was not within the Act; although it was admitted that the Demand need not be with Words. See Observations on this Case, E. P. C. ch. 8. § 11. where the Decision is supposed to have turned upon the Point mentioned n. (7.) infra.

(6.) Presenting a Pistol to a Person and bidding him "stop," and on his calling out for Assistance, threatening to blow his Brains out if he called out any more, was held sufficient to support an Indictment for an *Assault* with Intent to rob; *R. v. Trusty*, E. P. C. ch. 8. § 11. A Charge for an *Assault* with a Weapon, with Intent the Monies of the said A. B. from his Person and against his Will to steal, held not sufficient to charge an Intent to rob: the Prisoner was afterwards convicted on another Indictment, charging an Intent *violently* to steal. It is not stated that any Objection was made to the second Indictment, for not using the Word "*rob*" but it seems to be implied that that Word was not necessary. It would, however, be preferable to follow the Words of the Act, and expressly charge an Intent to *rob*.

(7.) An *Assault* on a Post Boy, with Intent to rob the Person in the Chaise, there being no Demand, is not a Case within the Act, *R. v. Thomas*, Leach, Ca. 140; E. P. C. ch. 8. § 11.

No. 23. into any Part of *Great Britain or Ireland*, within the Time
 7 George II. aforesaid, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer Death
 c. 21. as Felons, and have Execution awarded against them as Persons attainted of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 29.

14 George II. c. 6.—An Act to render the Laws more effectual for the preventing the stealing, and destroying of Sheep, and other Cattle.

No. 29.
 14 George II.
 c. 6.

Sheep-stealing,
 or stealing any
 Part of them,
 Felony, without
 Clergy.

WHEREAS divers evil-disposed Persons have of late more generally and frequently than was ever known before, made it their Practices secretly in the Night-time to drive away and steal great Numbers of Sheep, and likewise secretly in the Night-time to kill great Numbers of Sheep, and to strip off their Skins, and then steal the Carcasses of the Sheep so killed, leaving their Skins behind to prevent Discoveries; and also in like Manner to kill great Numbers of Sheep, and then cut open the Sheep so killed, and take out and steal their inward Fat, leaving their Carcasses behind to prevent being discovered; by which wicked Practices many of his Majesty's good Subjects have been very greatly injured in their Properties, and put to very great Charges in having their Sheep and other Cattle watched: And whereas the Laws in being have not proved effectual to prevent the Increase of the said wicked Practices; Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons shall, at any Time, from and after the first Day of *May* in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, feloniously drive away, or in any other Manner feloniously steal, one or more Sheep or other Cattle of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, or shall wilfully kill (1.) one or more Sheep or other Cattle of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, with a felonious Intent to steal the whole Carcase or Carcases, or any Part or Parts of the Carcase or Carcases of any one or more Sheep or other Cattle that shall be so killed, or shall assist or aid any Person or Persons to commit any such Offence or Offences; that then the Person or Persons guilty of any such Offence, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy. (2.)

(1.) An Indictment for stealing Lambs supported by Evidence that they were taken from the Fold and killed, the Skins taken and the Carcases left; and that no Count for killing with Intent to steal the Carcase was necessary; *Rawlin's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. §. 48.

(2.) An Indictment may be against A. for stealing a live Sheep, and B. for receiving — lb. weight of Mutton, Part thereof; *R. v. Cowell*, E. P. C. ch. 16. §. 48.

II. And for the Encouragement of such Persons as shall vigorously endeavour to discover, apprehend and prosecute such Offenders as aforesaid; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, all and every Person and Persons, who shall apprehend and prosecute to Conviction, any Offender or Offenders guilty of any of the Offences herein before mentioned, shall have and receive, as a Reward upon every such Conviction, the Sum of ten Pounds, to be paid within one Month after such respective Conviction, by the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County where such Offence or Offences shall be committed and done (without any Deduction whatsoever), to the Person or Persons so apprehending and prosecuting such Offender or Offenders, he or they tendering a Certificate to the Sheriff or Sheriffs signed by the Judge or Judges, before whom any such Offender shall be convicted, certifying such Conviction, and where the Offence was committed, and that such Offender or Offenders was or were apprehended and prosecuted by the Person or Persons claiming the said Reward; which Certificate the said Judge or Judges are hereby authorized and required to sign accordingly, before the End of the same Sessions or Assizes, at which such respective Conviction shall happen to be; and in such Certificate shall direct and appoint (in case more than one Person shall claim a Right to the said Reward) what Share and Proportion thereof shall be paid to each Claimant; and if it shall happen that any such Sheriff or Sheriffs shall die or be removed before the Expiration of one Month after such Conviction, and Demand made of the said Reward (the same not being paid as aforesaid), that then the next succeeding Sheriff or Sheriffs shall pay the same within one Month after Demand, and Certificate brought, as aforesaid; and if Default of Payment of the said Sum or Sums of Money shall happen to be made by any Sheriff or Sheriffs, such Sheriff or Sheriffs so making Default, shall forfeit to the Person or Persons, to whom such Money is due as aforesaid, double the Sum or Sums of Money he or they ought to have paid, to be recovered by him or them, or his or their Executors or Administrators, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein but one Imparalance, and no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, with Treble Costs of Suit, by him or them expended in the Recovery of the same.

No. 29.
14 George II.
c. 6.

Reward for
taking and con-
victing Sheep-
stealers.

Sheriff on De-
fault of Pay-
ment, to forfeit
Double the
Sum.

Treble Costs.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Sheriffs, their Executors and Administrators, upon producing such respective Certificates, and the Receipts for the Monies paid by them in pursuance of this Act, shall be allowed, and are hereby impowered to deduct, upon their Accounts, all Monies, other than double the Sum or Sums of Money, and Treble Costs of Suit, which they shall disburse as aforesaid; and that if upon Account of any Sheriff or Sheriffs there shall not be Money sufficient in the Hands of such She-

Sheriffs how to
be repaid.

- No. 29. riff or Sheriffs, to reimburse him or them such Monies paid by
 14 George II. him or them by virtue of this Act, that then the Sheriff or She-
 c. 6. riffs, having so paid the said Monies, shall have the same
 repaid by the Lord Treasurer or Commissioners of his Majes-
 ty's Treasury for the Time being, out of the Revenue of the
 Crown, upon Certificate from the Clerk of the Pipe to that
 Effect.

No. 30.

13. 15 George II. c. 13.—An Act for establishing an Agree-
 ment with the Governor and Company of the Bank
 of *England*, for advancing the Sum of one million
 six hundred thousand Pounds, towards the Supply
 for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hun-
 dred and forty-two.

- No. 30. XII. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
 15 George II. That if any Officer or Servant of the said Compa-
 c. 13. ny being entrusted with any Note, Bill, (1.) Dividend Warrant,
 Bonds, Deed, or any Security, (2.) Money or other Effects (3.) be-
 longing to the said Company, or having any Bill, Dividend
 Warrant, Bond, Deed, or any Security or Effects of any other
 Person or Persons lodged or deposited with the said Company,
 or with him as an Officer or Servant of the said Company, shall
 secrete, embezzle, or run away with any such Note, Bill,
 Dividend Warrant, Bond, Deed, Security, Money, or Effects,
 or any Part of them; every Officer or Servant so offending,
 and being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be
 deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon
 without Benefit of Clergy. (4.)

Servants break-
 ing their Trust
 to the Com-
 pany, shall suf-
 fer Death.

(1) (2) (3) In Aslett's first Case, Leach, (4th. Ed.) Ca. 335, he was in-
 dicted for stealing Exchequer Bills; but it appearing that they were not signed
 by the Auditor of the Exchequer, but by another Person authorized by him,
 with the approbation of the Lords of the Treasury, but for which Authority
 there was no Provision in any subsisting Act of Parliament, it was ruled that
 the Charge could not be sustained; but upon a second Indictment for stealing
certain Effects, viz. — 1st. A Paper Writing, purporting to be an Exchequer
 Bill—2d. Certain Papers, upon the Credit whereof the Bank had advanced
 a large Sum of Money—3d. Certain Papers, purporting to be Bills, com-
 monly called Exchequer Bills; and upon other Counts, calling them Secu-
 rities instead of *Effects*, the Prisoner was convicted. See the Opinion of the
 Judges, as delivered by Lord Alvanley, Leach, Ca. 336.

(4.) The same Provisions are repeated *verbatim* in 35 Geo. III. c. 66.
 § 6; 37 Geo. III. c. 46. § 6. for making certain Annuities created by the
 Parliament of Ireland transferable; and the Dividends payable at the Bank of
 England, with respect to Effects deposited in pursuance of those Acts; and
 there is a similar Provision in 24 Geo. II. c. 11. § 3. with respect to Of-
 ficers and Servants of the S. S. Company.

No. 31.

15 George II. c. 34.—An Act to explain an Act made in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “An Act to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the stealing and destroying of Sheep and other Cattle.”

“**W**HEREAS by an Act made in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “An Act to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the stealing and destroying of Sheep and other Cattle,” it was enacted, That if any Person or Persons should at any Time from and after the first Day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-one feloniously drive away, or in any other Manner feloniously steal, one or more Sheep or other Cattle of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, or should wilfully kill one or more Sheep or other Cattle of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, with a felonious Intent to steal the whole Carcase or Carcases, or any Part or Parts of the Carcase or Carcases of any one or more Sheep or other Cattle that should be so killed, or should assist or aid any Person or Persons to commit any such Offence or Offences, that then the Person or Persons guilty of any such Offence, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, should be adjudged guilty of Felony, and should suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy: And whereas it is doubtful to what Sorts of Cattle besides Sheep the said Act was meant to extend; Be it therefore enacted and declared by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act was meant and intended, and shall be construed, deemed, and taken to extend to any Bull, Cow, (1.) Ox, Steer, Bullock, Heifer, (2.) Calf, and Lamb, as well as Sheep, and to no other Cattle whatsoever.

No. 31.
15 George II
c. 34.
14 Geo. 2. c. 4.

To what Sorts
of Cattle the
Act shall ex-
tend.

(1.) (2.) On an Indictment for stealing a Cow, Proof of stealing a Heifer is not sufficient; R. v. Cook, Leach, Ca. 62. E. P. C. ch. 16. § 19.

No. 32.

P. 18 George II. c. 27. — An Act for the more effectually preventing the stealing of Linen, Fustian, and Cotton Goods and Wares, in Buildings, Fields, Grounds, and other Places used for Printing, Whitening, Bleaching, or Drying the same.*

No. 32. **W**HEREAS many Doubts and Difficulties have arisen
 18 George II. upon the Construction of an Act passed in the fourth
 c. 27. Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An
 4 Geo. 2. c. 15. Act to prevent the stealing of Linen, Fustian and Cotton
 Goods and Wares, from Fields, Grounds and other Places used
 for whitening, bleaching or drying the same;" in regard the
 said Act doth not express and mention, with sufficient Cer-
 tainty, the respective Goods and Wares, the stealing
 whereof from the respective Places therein mentioned and
 described, is by the said Act intended to be prevented,
 whereby the good and wholesome Ends proposed by the said
 Act have in a great Measure been frustrated, and by Means
 thereof, many of his Majesty's good Subjects have been
 greatly injured in their Properties, and put to very great
 Expences and Charges in watching the same, which never-
 theless hath hitherto proved ineffectual: For Remedy whereof
 and for the more effectual preventing of Thefts, frequently
 committed in Buildings, Fields, Grounds and other Places
 used for Printing, Whitening, Bleaching or Drying of Linen,
 Fustian and Cotton Goods or Wares for the future; may it
 please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted
 by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice
 and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-
 mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Au-
 thority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons,
 who at any Time after the first Day of *June* one thousand seven
 hundred and forty-five, shall by Day or Night feloniously steal
 any Linen, Fustian, Callico, Cotton Cloth, or Cloth worked,
 woven, or made of any Cotton, or Linen Yarn mixed, or any
 Thread, Linen or Cotton Yarn, Linen or Cotton Tape, Incle,
 Filleting, Laces or any other Linen, Fustian or Cotton Goods
 or Wares whatsoever, laid, placed or exposed to be printed,
 whitened, bowked, bleached or dried in any whitening or
 bleaching Croft, Lands, Fields or Grounds, Bowking-house,
 Drying-house, Printing-house, or other Building, Ground or
 Place made use of by any Callico Printer, Whitster, Crofter,
 Bowker or Bleacher, for Printing, Whitening, Bowking,
 Bleaching or Drying of the same, to the Value of ten Shillings,
 or who shall aid or assist, or shall wilfully or maliciously hire
 or procure any other Person or Persons to commit any such
 Offence, or who shall buy or receive any such Goods or Wares
 so stolen, knowing the same to be stolen as aforesaid, being
 Whoever shall steal Linen, &c. laid to be printed, bleached, &c.
 or shall aid or hire another to commit such Offence, shall be guilty of Felony, and suffer Death.

* Repealed 51 Geo. III. c. 41.

lawfully convicted thereof, shall be, and is and are hereby declared to be guilty of Felony, and every such Offender shall suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 32.
18 George II.
c. 27.

No. 33.

24 George II. c. 45.—An Act for the more effectual preventing of Robberies and Thefts upon any navigable Rivers, Ports of Entry or Discharge, Wharfs, and Keys adjacent.

‘WHEREAS divers wicked and ill-disposed Persons are encouraged to commit Robberies and Thefts upon navigable Rivers, Ports of Entry and Discharge, Wharfs and Keys adjacent, by the Privilege, as the Law now is, of being admitted to the Benefit of their Clergy:’ Therefore, for the more effectual preventing such Felonies for the future, Be it enacted by the King’s most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person or Persons that shall at any Time from and after the twenty-fourth Day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one, feloniously steal any Goods, Wares or Merchandize, (1.) of the Value of forty Shillings, in any Ship, Barge, Lighter, Boat, or other Vessel, or Craft, upon any navigable River, (2.) or in any Port of Entry or Discharge, or in any Creek belonging to any navigable River, Port of Entry or Discharge, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*; or shall feloniously steal any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, of the Value of forty Shillings, upon any Wharf or Key adjacent to any navigable River, Port of Entry or Discharge, or shall be present, aiding and assisting in the committing any of the Offences aforesaid, being thereof convicted or attainted, or being indicted thereof shall of Malice stand mute, or will not directly answer to the Indictment; or shall peremptorily challenge above the Number of twenty Persons returned to be of the Jury, shall be excluded from the Benefit of Clergy.

No. 33.
24 George II.
c. 45.

(1.) Ruled only to relate to such Goods and Merchandize as are usually lodged in Ships; not to Portugal Money usually current, although not made current by Proclamation; *R. v. Grimes*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 85; *Leigh’s Case*, *ibid.* and *Leach*, Ca. 28.

(2.) Stealing from a Vessel upon the Banks of one of the Creeks of the Thames, held not a Stealing on the navigable River Thames. It should have been stated, a Stealing in a Creek belonging to the River; *Pike’s Case*, *Leach*, Ca. 153; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 85.

No. 34.

25 George II. c. 10.—An Act for the more effectual securing Mines of Black Lead from Theft and Robbery.

No. 34.
25 George II.
c. 10.

• **W**HEREAS by Experience it hath been found, that
 • Wad or Black Cawke, commonly called *Black Lead*;
 • is and hath been necessary for divers useful Purposes, and
 • more particularly in the casting Bomb Shells, Round Shot,
 • and Cannon Balls; and that such Wad, Black Cawke, or
 • *Black Lead*, hath hitherto been discovered in one Mountain,
 • or Ridge of Hills, only in this Realm; and that great Waste
 • and Destruction therein, hath of late Years been made by
 • wicked and evil-disposed Persons, who, by reason of the
 • Situation of the Mine or Mines, Wad-hole or Wad-holes of
 • the said Wad, Black Cawke or Black Lead, and of the great
 • Difficulty to secure and preserve the same from being unlaw-
 • fully broke, or by Force entered into; and also by reason of
 • the small Punishment by the Laws now in Being, annexed to
 • Offences of the like Kind, have been encouraged unlawfully
 • to enter, and by Force to keep Possession of the same, and
 • from thence unlawfully to take and carry away great Quanti-
 • ties of the said Wad, Black Cawke or Black Lead; for the
 • more effectual Security of all and every Mine or Mines,
 • Wad-hole or Wadholes of Wad or Black Cawke, commonly
 • called *Black Lead*; and for preventing the unlawful break-
 • ing and entering into the same; or the unlawful taking
 • and carrying away from such Mine or Mines, Wad-hole, or
 • Wadholes, any Wad, Black Cawke or Black Lead; and for
 • punishing such Offenders in a more exemplary Manner, than
 • by the Laws in Being can now be done; May it therefore
 • please your most excellent Majesty that it may be enacted, and
 • be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and
 • with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Tem-
 • poral, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,
 • and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person
 • or Persons that shall, from and after the twenty-fourth day of
 • June, which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand
 • seven hundred and fifty-two, unlawfully break, or by Force
 • enter into any Mine or Mines, Wad-hole or Wad-holes of
 • Wad or Black Cawke, commonly called *Black Lead*; or into
 • any Pit, Shaft, Adit, or Vein of Wad, Black Cawke or Black
 • Lead, with an Intent to take and carry away from thence any
 • Wad, Black Cawke or Black Lead; or shall unlawfully from
 • thence take and carry away any Wad, Black Cawke or Black
 • Lead, although such Mine or Mines, Wad-hole or Wad-
 • holes, Pit, Shaft, Adit, or Vein, be not actually broke, or by
 • Force entered into by such Offender or Offenders; or shall
 • aid, abet, assist, hire, or command any Person or Persons
 • to commit such Offence or Offences as aforesaid; that then,
 • and in every such Case, all and every such Person or Per-
 • sons shall be deemed and construed to be guilty of Felony;

The entering
any Mines of
Black Lead,
with Intent to
steal,

or the assisting
or hiring Per-
sons to do so,
Felony;

and it shall and may be lawful for the Court, or Judge, before whom any such Person or Persons so offending as aforesaid, shall be lawfully convicted, to order such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Prison or Gaol of the said County, appointed for Criminals, or to some House of Correction within the same County, for a Time not exceeding one Year, there to be kept to hard Labour during all the said Time, and to be publicly whipt by the common Hangman, or by the Master of such House of Correction, at such Times and at such Places, and in such Manner, as such Court or Judge shall think proper; or it shall and may be lawful to and for such Court or Judge, or for any other subsequent Court held at the same Place, with the like Authority as the former, to order such Offender or Offenders to be transported to some of his Majesty's Plantations beyond the Seas, for a Term not exceeding seven Years, as such Court or Judge shall think most proper; and thereupon Judgment shall be given, that the Person or Persons so convicted shall be committed and whipt, or transported accordingly; and if Transportation shall be directed, the same shall be executed in such Manner, as is or shall be provided by Law for the Transportation of Felons; and if any such Person or Persons so committed or transported shall voluntarily escape or break Prison, or return from Transportation before the Expiration of the Time for which he, she, or they shall be ordered to be transported as aforesaid, such Person or Persons being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy, and shall be tried for such Felony in the County where he, she, or they so escaped, or where he, she, or they shall be apprehended.

No. 34.
25 George II.
c. 10.

Offenders to be committed for a Year, and publicly whipt;

or to be transported for seven Years;

and if they escape from Prison, or return from Transportation, to suffer Death;

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall be convicted or attainted of any of the Offences aforesaid, and shall voluntarily escape, break Prison, or return from Transportation as aforesaid, and shall be apprehended in any other County or City different from that wherein the said Offence was committed, the Clerk of the Assize, or Clerk of the Peace for the County or City where such Conviction or Attainder for the said Offence or Offences was had, shall, at the Request of the Prosecutor, or of any other on his Majesty's Behalf, certify the same by a Transcript in few Words, containing the Effect and Tenor of such Conviction or Attainder, for which Certificate two Shillings and six Pence, and no more shall be paid; and such Certificate being produced in Court shall be sufficient Proof of such former Conviction or Attainder.

and a Certificate of the former Conviction deemed sufficient Proof thereof.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person or Persons who shall, from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of June one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, buy or receive any Wad or Black Cawke, commonly called *Black Lead*, knowing the same to be so unlawfully taken and carried away as aforesaid, shall be deemed and construed to be guilty of Felony, and being convicted

Receivers of Lead, knowing such to be stolen, guilty of Felony.

- No. 34. thereof shall be subject and liable to all the Pains and Penalties, which any Person or Persons can or may by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm be subject and liable to, for buying or receiving any Goods or Chattels that have been feloniously taken or stolen, knowing the same to have been stolen.
- 25 George II. c. 10.

No. 35.

- 26 George II. c. 19. — An Act for enforcing the Laws against Persons who shall steal or detain shipwrecked Goods; and for the Relief of Persons suffering Losses thereby.

[Inserted Pt. III. Cl. II. No. 16.]

No. 36.

- 29 George II. c. 30. — An Act for more effectually discouraging and preventing the stealing, and the buying and receiving of stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal and Solder, and for more effectually bringing the Offenders to Justice.

[Inserted in the next Class.]

No. 37.

- p. 4 George III. c. 37. — An Act for the better establishing a Manufactory of Cambricks and Lawns, or Goods of the Kind usually known under those Denominations, now carrying on at *Winchelsea*, in the County of *Sussex*; and for improving, regulating and extending the Manufacture of Cambricks and Lawns, or Goods of the Kind usually known under those Denominations, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*.

- No. 37. XVI. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall by Day or Night break into any House, Shop, Cellar, Vault, or other Place or Building, or by Force enter into any House, Shop, Cellar, Vault, or other Place or Building, with Intent to steal, cut or destroy any Linen Yarn, or any Linen Cloth, or any Manufacture of Linen Yarn belonging to any Manufactory, or the Looms, Tools or Implements used therein; or shall wilfully or maliciously cut in Pieces or destroy any such Goods, either when exposed to bleach or dry; every such Offender, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be judged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.
- 4 George III. c. 37.
- Breaking into a Shop, &c. with Intent to steal or destroy, &c. any Materials or Implements, declared to be Felony.

No. 38.

6 George III. c. 48.—An Act for the better Preservation of Timber Trees, and of Woods and Underwoods; and for the further Preservation of Roots, Shrubs, and Plants.

[Inserted Pt. VI. Cl. XL. No. 11.]

No. 39.

7 George III. c. 50.—An Act for amending certain Laws relating to the Revenue of the Post Office; and for granting Rates of Postage for the Conveyance of Letters and Packets between *Great Britain* and the *Isle of Man*, and within that Island.

B.

II. **AND** be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the said first Day of *November*, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall rob any Mail or Mails, in which Letters are sent or conveyed by the Post, of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, Bag or Mail of Letters; or shall steal and take from or out of any such Mail or Mails, or from or out of any Bag or Bags of Letters, sent or conveyed by the Post, or from or out of any Post Office, or House or Place for the Receipt or Delivery of Letters or Packets, sent or to be sent by the Post, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets; although such Robbery, Stealing, or taking, shall not appear, or be proved, to be a Taking from the Person, or upon the King's Highway, or to be a Robbery committed in any Dwelling-house, or any Coach-house, Stable, Barn, or any Out-house belonging to a Dwelling-house; and although it should not appear that any Person or Persons were put in Fear by such Robbery, Stealing, or Taking; yet such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall nevertheless respectively be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy. (1.)

No. 39.
7 George III.
c. 50.

Persons who shall rob the Mail of any Letters, or shall steal Letters from any Mail or Bag, or from any Post House, or Office,

being convicted, shall suffer Death, without Benefit of Clergy.

(1.) For Embezzlements by Clerks, &c. in the Post Office, see Stat. 52 Geo. III. c. 143. post, Class XIV.

No. 40.

13 George III. c. 31.—An Act for the more effectual Execution of the Criminal Laws in the two Parts of the United Kingdom.

B.

IV. **AND** whereas it frequently happens in both Parts of the United Kingdom, that Persons having stolen or otherwise feloniously taken away Money, Cattle, Goods,

No. 40.
13 George III.
c. 31.

No. 40. ' or other Effects, carry the same into the other Part of the
 33 George III. ' United Kingdom, and there have the said Money, Cattle,
 c. 31. ' Goods, or other Effects, in their Possession or Custody; and
 ' Doubts have been entertained, whether they could be in-
 ' dicted and tried in that Part of the United Kingdom, as the
 ' original Offence was not there committed;' be it therefore
 enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the
 passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons having stolen,
 or otherwise feloniously taken Money, Cattle, Goods, or other
 Effects, in either Part of the United Kingdom, shall afterwards
 have the same Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, or any
 Part thereof, in his, her, or their Possession or Custody, in
 the other Part of the United Kingdom, it shall and may be law-
 ful to indict, try, and punish such Person or Persons for Theft
 or Larceny in that Part of the United Kingdom where he, she,
 or they shall so have such Money, Cattle, Goods, or other
 Effects, in his, her, or their Possession or Custody, as if the
 said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, had been stolen
 in that Part of the United Kingdom.

Persons who
 shall have stol-
 en Money, &c.,
 in either Part of
 the United
 Kingdom, may
 be indicted for
 Theft.

Receivers of
 Money, &c. in
 either Part of
 the Kingdom,
 knowing the
 same to be stol-
 en, also liable to
 be punished.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
 That if any Person or Persons, in either Part of the United
 Kingdom, shall hereafter receive or have any Money, Cattle,
 Goods, or other Effects, stolen, or otherwise feloniously taken,
 in the other Part of the United Kingdom, knowing the same
 to be stolen, or otherwise feloniously taken, every such Per-
 son or Persons shall be liable to be indicted, tried, and punish-
 ed for such Offence in that Part of the United Kingdom where
 he, she, or they shall so receive or have the said Money, Cattle,
 Goods, or other Effects, in the same Manner, to all Intents
 and Purposes, as if the said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other
 Effects, had been originally stolen, or otherwise feloniously
 taken, in that Part of the United Kingdom. (1.).

No. 41.

14 George III. c. 46. — An Act to enable the Com-
 missioners for executing the Office of Treasurer
 of his Majesty's Exchequer, or the Lord High
 Treasurer for the Time being, to pay, out of the
 Revenue of the Crown, certain Rewards for appre-
 hending Highwaymen, and other Offenders in the
 County Palatine of *Durham*.

(1) The same Provisions are made with respect to Great Britain and
 Ireland, by Stat. 24 George III. c. 92. § 5, 6. See the Act in the last Class,
infra.

No. 42.

21 George III. c. 68.—An Act to explain and amend an Act, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, “An Act for the more effectual punishing Stealers of Lead or Iron Bars, fixed to Houses, or any Fences belonging thereunto.”

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, (intituled, “An Act for the more effectual punishing Stealers of Lead or Iron Bars, fixed to Houses, or any Fences belonging thereunto;”) it is enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, who shall steal, rip, cut or break, with Intent to steal, any Lead, Iron Bar, Iron Gate, Palisadoe, or Iron Rail whatsoever, being fixed to any Dwelling-house, Out-house, Coach-house, Stable, or other Building, used or occupied with such Dwelling-house, or thereunto belonging, or to any other Building whatsoever, or fixed in any Garden, Orchard, Court-yard, Fence, or Outlet belonging to any Dwelling-house, or other Building, shall be deemed and construed to be guilty of Felony, and shall suffer the Pains and Penalties therein mentioned; and all and every Person and Persons who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting, in stealing, or in such ripping, cutting, or breaking, any Lead, Iron Bar, Iron Gate, Iron Palisadoe, or Iron Rail, fixed to any Dwelling-house, Out-house, Coach-house, Stable, or other Building, or fixed in any Garden, Orchard, Court-yard, Fence, or Outlet, belonging to any Dwelling-house or other Building; or who shall buy or receive any such Lead, Iron Bar, Iron Gate, Iron Palisadoe, or Iron Rail, knowing the same to be stolen, shall be subject and liable to the same Punishments as if he, she, or they, had stolen the same: And whereas the stealing of Copper, Brass, and Bell-metal affixed to Dwelling-houses and the Appurtenances thereto, is not expressly prohibited and made punishable by the said recited Act of Parliament, whereby wicked and evil-disposed Persons have been encouraged to steal the same, and others to buy and receive the same knowing the same to be stolen: For preventing of which, be it enacted by the King’s most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, all and every Person and Persons who shall steal, rip, cut, break, or remove, with Intent to steal, any Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, Utensil, or Fixture, being fixed to any Dwelling-house, Out-house, Coach-house, Stable, or other Building, used or occupied with such Dwelling-house, or thereunto belonging, or to any other Building whatsoever, or fixed in any Garden, Orchard, Court-

No. 42.
George III.
c. 68.

Preamble.
Recital of
4 Geo. 2, c. 32.

From Aug. 1:
1781, all Persons who shall steal, or remove with Intent to steal, any Copper, Brass, &c. fixed to any Dwelling-house, &c. shall be deemed

No. 42. yard, Fence, or Outlet, belonging to any Dwelling-house, or
21 George III. other Building, or any Iron Rails or Fencing set up or fixed
c. 68. in any Square, Court, or other Place (such Person having no
 guilty of Felony, and may be transported for seven Years, &c. Title, or Claim of Title thereto), shall be deemed and construed to be guilty of Felony; and the Court by and before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried and convicted, shall, and hereby have Power and Authority to transport such Felons for the Term of seven Years, in like Manner as other Felons are directed to be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; or to order and direct that such Offender be kept and detained in Prison, and therein kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding three Years, nor less than one Year; and within that Time, if such Court shall think fit, such Offender shall be once, or oftener, but not more than three Times, publicly whipped: And all and every Person and Persons who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting, in stealing, or in such ripping, cutting, breaking, or removing, any Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, Utensil, or Fixture, fixed to any Dwelling-house, Outhouse, Coach-house, Stable, or other Building, or fixed in any Garden, Orchard, Court-yard, Fence, or Outlet, belonging to any Dwelling-house, or other Building, or any Iron Rails, or Fencing, set up or fixed in any Square, Court, or other Place; or who shall buy or receive any such Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, Utensil, or Fixture, Iron Rails, or Fencing, knowing the same to be stolen, shall be subject and liable to all and every the same Punishments, Pains, and Penalties, as if he, she, or they, had stolen the same, although the principal Felon or Felons has not or have not been convicted of stealing the same; any Law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And all Persons assisting in such stealing, &c. or who shall buy such Goods knowing them to be stolen, shall be liable to the same Punishments.

No. 43.

21 George III. c. 69.—An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, “An Act for more effectually discouraging and preventing the stealing, and the buying and receiving of stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, and Solder; and for more effectually bringing the Offenders to Justice.”

[Inserted in the next Class.]

No. 44.

39 George III. c. 85.—An Act to protect Masters against Embezzlements by their Clerks or Servants.—[12th. July 1799.]

‘HEREAS Bankers, Merchants, and others, are, in the Course of their Dealings and Transactions, frequently obliged to entrust their Servants, Clerks, and Persons employed by them in the like Capacity, with receiving, paying, negotiating, exchanging, or transferring, Money, Goods, Bonds, Bills, Notes, Bankers’ Drafts, and other valuable Effects and Securities: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the embezzling of the same by such Servants, Clerks, and others, so employed by their Masters, amounts to Felony by the Law of *England*, and it is expedient that such Offences should be punished in the same Manner in both Parts of the United Kingdom; be it enacted and declared by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Servant or Clerk, or any Person employed for the Purpose in the Capacity of a Servant or Clerk, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, or to any Body Corporate or Politick, shall, by virtue of such Employment, receive or take into his Possession any Money, Goods, Bond, Bill, Note, Banker’s Draft, or other valuable Security, or Effects, for or in the Name or on the Account of his Master or Masters, or Employer or Employers, and shall fraudulently embezzle, secrete, or make away with the same, or any Part thereof, every such Offender shall be deemed to have feloniously stolen the same from his Master or Masters, Employer or Employers, for whose Use, or in whose Name or Names, or on whose Account the same was or were delivered to, or taken into the Possession (1.) of such Servant, Clerk, or other Person so employed, although such Money, Goods, Bond, Bill, Note, Banker’s Draft, or other valuable Security, was or were no otherwise received into the Possession of his or their Servant, Clerk, or other Person so employed; and every such Offender, his Adviser, Procurer, Aider or Abettor, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, shall be liable to be transported to such Parts beyond the Seas as his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, shall appoint, for any Term not exceeding fourteen

No. 44.
39 George III.
c. 85.

Servants or Clerks receiving any Money or other Effects on their Master’s Account, and fraudulently embezzling or secreting any Part thereof, shall be deemed to have feloniously stolen the same;

and such Offenders and their Abettors shall, on Conviction, be liable to be transported for 14 Years.

(1.) It appears by Note E. P. C. ch. 16. § 18. that in the fair Copy of this Bill, the following Words in the Draft, which was drawn by the learned Writer himself, have been accidentally omitted at this Place, viz.:—
“of such Master or Masters, Employer or Employers, then by the actual Possession.”

No. 44. Years, in the Discretion of the Court before whom such Offender shall be convicted or adjudged. (2.)
39 George III. c. 85.

(2.) An Indictment, to warrant a Judgment upon this Statute, must be specially drawn following the Words of the Act; Jones's Case, E. P. C. c. 18. It must have the Requisites of an Indictment for Larceny at Common Law, and state the Articles taken to be the property of some Person; Mc-Gregor's Case, East, *ibid.*; 3 B. and P. 106. Where the Prisoner received Money in the County of Salop, and denied such Receipt in the County of Stafford, it was held by the Judges to evidence, that the original Taking was with Intent to embezzle, and that he was properly tried at Salop; Hobson's Case, 1 E. P. C. Add. xxiv. Most of the Judges were of Opinion, that he might be tried in either County. Where the Prisoner received the Money in Surrey, and the same Day denied the Receipt in Middlesex, there being no Proof that he had paid or spent it in Surrey, it was ruled good Evidence of an Embezzlement in Middlesex; Palmer's Case, Leach, (4th. Ed.) 338. A Count on this Act may be joined with a Count for Larceny at Common Law; Johnson's Case, Leach, Ca. 356.

No. 45.

39 and 40 George III. c. 77.—An Act for the Security of Collieries and Mines, and for the better Regulation of Colliers and Miners. — [9th. July 1800.]*

* The Act contains a summary Provision with respect to stealing Coals, Tools, &c. See § 5.

No. 46.

P. 42 George III. c. 81.—An Act for amending so much of an Act, passed in the seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, as relates to the secreting, embezzling, or destroying any Letter or Packet sent by the Post; and for the better Protection of such Letters and Packets; and for more effectually preventing Letters and Packets being sent otherwise than by the Post.—[22d. June 1802.]

No. 46.
42 George III. c. 81.

Penalty of Felony without Clergy on Persons procuring, &c. Officers of the Post Office to secrete Letters, &c. containing any Parts of any Security or Instrument mentioned in recited Act; or fraudu-

II. **A**ND be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person whatsoever, whether employed in any Business relating to the Post Office or not, shall counsel, command, hire, persuade, procure, aid, or abet, any such Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter Carrier, Post-boy or Rider, or any other Officer or Person whatsoever, employed, or to be hereafter employed, in receiving, stamping, sorting, charging, carrying, conveying, or delivering Letters or Packets, or in any other Business relating to the Post Office, to commit any Felony or Offence in the said Part recited Act, or in this Act before mentioned, or shall with a fraudulent Intention buy or receive the Whole or any Part or Parts of any such Security or Instrument as afore-

said, which at the Time of buying or receiving thereof he shall know to have been contained in any such Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, so by any Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter Carrier, Post-boy or Rider, or any other Officer or Person whatsoever, employed, or to be hereafter employed in receiving, stamping, sorting, charging, carrying, conveying, or delivering Letters or Packets, or in any other Business relating to the Post Office, secreted or embezzled, or stolen or taken out of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, that shall come to his, her, or their Hands or Possession, or which he, she, or they, at the Time of buying or receiving thereof, shall know to have been contained in, and stolen or unlawfully taken out of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, stolen and taken by any Person or Persons whatsoever from or out of any Mail or Mails, Bag or Bags of Letters, sent and conveyed by the Post, or from or out of any Post Office, or House or Place for the Receipt or Delivery of Letters or Packets sent or to be sent by the Post, each and every Person so offending in any of the Ways last before mentioned, being thereof convicted, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy, and shall and may be tried, convicted, and attainted of such Felony, as well before as after the Trial or Conviction of the principal Felon, and whether the said principal Felon shall have been apprehended, or shall be amenable to Justice or not.

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c. 81.

lently receiving
such Secu-
rities or Instru-
ments, or any
Parts of them

Offenders may
be tried before
or after principal
Felon.

III. ' And whereas by the said in Part recited Act, made The Offence of
' in the seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, it robbing the
' was, among other Things, enacted, that, from and after the Mail may be
' said first Day of *November* one thousand seven hundred and laid and prose-
' sixty-seven, if any Person or Persons whatsoever should rob cuted, if com-
' any Mail or Mails in which Letters are sent or conveyed by mitted in Eng-
' the Post, of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, Bag land, either in
' or Mail of Letters, or should steal and take from or out of the County
' any such Mail or Mails, or from or out of any Bag or Bags of where commit-
' Letters sent or conveyed by the Post, any Letter or Letters, ted, or where
' Packet or Packets, although such Robbery, stealing, or tak- the Offender is
' ing should not appear or be proved to be a taking from the apprehended,
' Person, or upon the King's Highway, or to be a Robbery and if commit-
' committed in any Dwelling House, or any Coach House, ted in Scotland,
' Stable, Barn, or any Out-House belonging to a Dwelling either in the
' House, and although it should not appear that any Person or Justiciary Court
' Persons were put in Fear by such Robbery, stealing, or tak- of Edinburgh,
' ing, yet such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted or in the Cir-
' as aforesaid, should nevertheless respectively be deemed cuit Court, &c.
' guilty of Felony, and should suffer Death as a Felon without
' Benefit of Clergy: And whereas, by reason of the Diffi-
' culty and frequent Impossibility of discovering and proving
' the particular County, Stewartry, or Place within which
' the said last-mentioned Offences have been committed,
' divers Persons have escaped the Pains and Punishments by
' the said in Part recited Act intended to be inflicted on such

No. 46. ' Offenders, and it is reasonable to make further Provisions for
 42 George III. ' the Trial and due Punishment of such Offenders ;' be it there-
 c. 81. fore further enacted, That all and every the said last-mentioned
 Felonies and Offences, which shall be committed from and
 after the passing of this Act, shall and may be alledged and
 laid, prosecuted, inquired of, tried, and determined, if com-
 mitted in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, either in
 the County wherein such Felony or Offence shall be commit-
 ted, or wherein such Offender or Offenders shall be appre-
 hended ; and if committed in that Part of *Great Britain* called
Scotland, either in the Justiciary Court of *Edinburgh*, or in the
 Court of the Circuit of that Part of the United Kingdom within
 which Circuit such Felony or Offence shall be committed, or
 such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended.

No. 47.

48 George III. c. 129. — An Act to repeal so much of
 an Act passed in the eighth Year of the Reign of
 Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, " An Act to take away
 the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders for Fe-
 lony," as takes away the Benefit of Clergy from Per-
 sons stealing privily from the Person of another ;
 and for more effectually preventing the Crime of
 Larceny from the Person.—[30th. June 1808.]

No. 47.
 48 George III.
 c. 129.

8 Eliz. c. 4.

§ 1, 2, taking
 away Benefit of
 Clergy in Cases
 of Theft privily
 from the Per-
 son, repealed.

' WHEREAS by an Act passed in the eighth Year of the
 Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, " An Act to take
 away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders for
 Felony," it is amongst other Things enacted, That no Person
 or Persons who should after the passing of that Act happen
 to be indicted or appealed for felonious taking of any Money,
 Goods, or Chattels from the Person of any other, privily
 without his Knowledge in any Place whatsoever, and there-
 upon found guilty by Verdict of twelve Men, or shall confess
 the same upon his or their Arraignment, or will not answer
 directly to the same according to the Laws of this Realm,
 or shall stand wilfully or of Malice or obstinately mute,
 or challenge peremptorily above the Number of twenty,
 or shall be upon such Indictment or Appeal outlawed, shall
 from henceforth be admitted to have the Benefit of his or
 their Clergy, but utterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer
 Death in such Manner and Form as they should if they were
 no Clerks: And whereas the said Act has not been found
 effectual for the Prevention of the Crimes therein mentioned,
 and it is therefore expedient that so much of the said Act as is
 herein-before recited should be repealed: And whereas it
 might tend more effectually to prevent the Crime of Larceny
 from the Person, if every such Offence, not being Robbery,
 was rendered punishable more severely than simple Lar-

'ceny ;' be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords⁴⁸ Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much of the said Act as is herein-before recited shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

No. 47.
George III.
c. 129.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, every Person who shall at any Time or in any Place whatever, feloniously steal, take, and carry away any Money, Goods, or Chattels from the Person of any other, whether privily without his Knowledge or not, but without such Force or putting in Fear as is sufficient to constitute the Crime of Robbery, or who shall be present, aiding, and abetting therein, shall be liable to be transported beyond the Seas for Life, or for such Term not less than seven Years as the Judge or Court before whom any such Person shall be convicted, shall adjudge, or shall be liable in case the said Judge or Court shall think fit, to be imprisoned only, or to be imprisoned and kept to hard Labour in the Common Gaol, House of Correction, or Penitentiary House, for any Term not exceeding three Years.

Penalty on
felonious Theft
from the Per-
son, not being
Robbery,
Transportation,
&c.

No. 48.

51 George III. c. 41.—An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the eighteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Second, intituled, "An Act for the more effectually preventing the stealing of Linen, Fustian and Cotton Goods and Wares, in Buildings, Fields, Grounds and other Places used for printing, whitening, bleaching or drying the same," as takes away the Benefit of Clergy from Persons stealing Cloth in Places therein mentioned; and for more effectually preventing such Felonies. — [31st. May 1811.]

• **W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the eighteenth Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Second, intituled, "An Act for the more effectually preventing the stealing of Linen, Fustian and Cotton Goods and Wares, in Buildings, Fields, Grounds and other Places used for printing, whitening, bleaching or drying the same," it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That every Person who at any Time after the first Day of June one thousand seven hundred and forty-five shall, by Day or Night, feloniously steal any Linen, Fustian, Calico, Cotton Cloth; or Cloth worked, woven, or made of any Cotton or Linen Yarn mixed, or any Thread, Linen or Cotton Yarn, Linen or Cotton Tape, Inle, Filletting, Laces, or any other Linen, Fustian or Cotton Goods or Wares

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No. 48. ' whatsoever, laid, placed, or exposed to be printed, whitened,
 51 George III. ' bowked, bleached or dried, in any whitening or bleaching
 c. 41. ' Croft, Lands, Fields or Grounds, Bowking House, Drying
 ' House, Printing House, or other Building, Ground or Place
 ' made use of by any Calico Printer, Whitster, Crofter, Bowker
 ' or Bleacher, for printing, whitening, bowking, bleaching or
 ' drying of the same, to the Value of ten Shillings, or who shall
 ' aid or assist, or shall wilfully or maliciously hire or procure
 ' any Person or Persons to commit any such Offence, or who
 ' shall buy or receive any such Goods or Wares so stolen,
 ' knowing the same to be stolen as aforesaid, being lawfully
 ' convicted thereof, shall be guilty of Felony; and that every
 ' such Offender shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, with-
 ' out Benefit of Clergy: And whereas the said Act has not been
 ' found effectual for the Prevention of the Crimes therein men-
 ' tioned, and it is therefore expedient that so much of the said
 ' Act as is herein-before recited should be repealed: And
 ' whereas it might tend more effectually to prevent the afore-
 ' said Crimes if the same were punishable more severely than
 ' simple Larceny: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most
 Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the
 Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present
 Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That
 so much of the said Act as is herein-before recited shall, from
 and after the passing of this Act, be and the same is hereby
 repealed.

Stealing Linen,
 &c. from
 Bleaching Pla-
 ces, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the
 passing of this Act, every Person who shall feloniously steal any
 Linen, Fustian, Calico, Cotton Cloth, or Cloth worked,
 woven or made of any Cotton or Linen Yarn mixed, or any
 Thread, Linen or Cotton Yarn, Linen or Cotton Tape, Inkle,
 Filletting, Laces or any other Linen, Fustian, or Cotton
 Goods or Wares whatsoever, laid, placed or exposed to be
 printed, whitened, bowked, bleached or dried in any whiten-
 ing or bleaching Croft, Lands, Fields or Grounds, Bowking
 House, Drying House, Printing House or other Building,
 Ground or Place made use of by any Calico Printer, Whitster,
 Crofter, Bowker or Bleacher, for printing, whitening, bowk-
 ing, bleaching or drying of the same, to the Value of ten
 Shillings, or who shall aid or assist, or wilfully or maliciously
 hire or procure any other Person or Persons to commit any
 such Offence, or who shall buy or receive any such Goods or
 Wares so stolen, knowing the same to be stolen as aforesaid,
 being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be liable to be transport-
 ed beyond the Seas for Life, or for such Term not less than
 seven Years, as the Judge before whom any such Person shall
 be convicted shall adjudge; or shall be liable, in case the said
 Judge shall think fit, to be imprisoned and kept to hard Labour
 in the Common Gaol, House of Correction or Penitentiary
 House, for any Term not exceeding seven Years.

Punishment.

No. 49.

52 George III. c. 143.—An Act for amending and reducing into one Act, the Provisions contained in any Laws now in force imposing the Penalty of Death for any Act done in Breach of or in Resistance to any Part of the Laws for collecting his Majesty's Revenue in *Great Britain*.—[23d. *July* 1812.]

[See post, Cl. XIV.]

No. 50.

54 George III. c. 101.—An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Child stealing.—[18th. *July* 1814.]

‘**W**HEREAS the Practice of carrying away young Children, by forcible or fraudulent means, from their Parents, or other Persons having the Care and Charge or Custody of them, commonly called Child Stealing, has of late much prevailed and increased: And whereas no adequate Punishment is as yet provided by Law in *England* or *Ireland* for so heinous an Offence;’ Be it therefore enacted by the King’s most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the passing of this Act, shall maliciously, either by Force or Fraud, lead, take, or carry away, or decoy, or entice away any Child, under the Age of Ten Years, with Intent to deprive its Parent or Parents, or any other Person having the lawful Care or Charge of such Child of the Possession of such Child, by concealing and detaining such Child from such Parent or Parents, or other Person or Persons having the lawful Care or Charge of it; or with Intent to steal any Article of Apparel or Ornament, or other Thing of Value or Use, upon or about the Person of such Child, to whomsoever such Article may belong; or shall receive and harbour with any such Intent as aforesaid, any such Child, knowing the same to have been so by Force or Fraud led, taken or carried, or decoyed or enticed away as aforesaid; every such Person or Persons, and his, her, and their Counsellors, Procurers, Aiders and Abettors, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be subject and liable to all such Pains, Penalties, Punishments and Forfeitures, as by the Laws now in Force may be inflicted upon, or are incurred by Persons convicted of Grand Larceny.

No. 50.
54 George III.
c. 101.

Persons offending against Act, subject to Penalties usually inflicted on Persons guilty of Grand Larceny.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Person who shall have claimed to be the Father of an illegitimate Child, or to have any Right or Title in Law to the Possession of such Child, on account of his getting Possession

Not to affect Fathers of illegitimate Children.

No. 50. of such Child, or taking such Child out of the Possession of
 54 George III. the Mother thereof, or other Person or Persons having the
 c. 101. lawful Charge thereof.

Not to extend III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That this
 to Scotland. Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to that Part
 of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

No. 51.

56 George III. c. 73.—An Act for removing Difficul-
 ties in the Conviction of Offenders stealing Property
 from Mines.—[22d. June 1816.]

No. 51. ' WHEREAS the Minerals, and the Timber, Iron and
 56 George III. ' other Materials, used in or for the working of
 c. 73. ' Mines are much exposed to Depredation: And whereas great
 ' Difficulties have been experienced in prosecuting to Convic-
 ' tion and bringing to Justice Persons who have stolen such
 ' Property, by reason of the Rule of Law which at present
 ' prevails throughout that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*,
 ' for setting forth in Indictments for Larceny the Names of all
 ' the Persons who may be the Owners of or are interested in the
 ' Property stolen: And whereas the Identity of such Property
 ' may be ascertained and described as effectually by averring
 ' the same in such Indictment to be the Property of some one
 ' or more of the Partners in such mining Concerns, and
 ' others, his or their Partners or Co Adventurers, without
 ' naming such Partners or Co Adventurers; Be it enacted
 by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice
 and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-
 mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Au-
 thority of the same, That from and after the passing of this
 Act it shall and may be lawful, and shall be deemed sufficient,
 to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, for the Conviction of
 any Offender or Offenders charged in any Indictment with
 Grand or Petty Larceny for or on Account of stealing any Mine-
 rals, or any Timber, Iron or other Materials used in or for
 the working of Mines, being the Personal Property of any
 Company or Adventurers carrying on the same, to alledge and
 aver that the Minerals, Timber, Iron, or other Materials
 so stolen are the Property of some one or more of the Partners
 or Adventurers in such Mining Concern, and others his or
 their Partners or Co Adventurers, without naming such other
 Partners or Co Adventurers; and that such Form of describ-
 ing the Property stolen from such Company or Adventurers
 shall be, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as valid and
 effectual in Law, as if the same were averred to be the Pro-
 perty of all the Owners thereof, and as if the Names of all
 such Owners were particularly and distinctly set forth in such
 Indictment; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary thereof
 in any wise notwithstanding.

What shall be
 deemed suffi-
 cient Evidence
 for Conviction.

PART V. CLASS VIII.

OFFENCES RELATING TO STOLEN GOODS.*

The Statutes relating particularly to the receiving public Stores are contained in Class X. *infra*.

No. 1.

3 William and Mary, c. 9.—An Act to take away Clergy from some Offenders, and to bring others to Punishment. D,

[Inserted in the last Class.]

IV. **A**ND forasmuch as Thieves and Robbers are much encouraged to commit such Offences, because a great Number of Persons make it their Trade and Business to deal in the buying of stolen Goods; Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall buy or receive any Goods or Chattel (1.) that shall be feloniously taken or stolen from any other Person, knowing the same to be stolen, he or they shall be taken and deemed an Accessary or Accessaries to such Felony after the Fact, and shall incur the same Punishment, as an Accessary or Accessaries to the Felony after the Felony committed.

No. 1.
3 William and Mary, c. 9.—
Buyers of stolen Goods reputed Accessaries to Felony.

* It is observed in Rede's Essay towards a free Examination of the Laws of England, Vol. II. p. 75. (apparently with much Justice) that "Receiving Stolen Goods is, perhaps, the most prominent Evil in the whole Penal Code; and that instead of the piece-meal System which has been from Time to Time adopted, on Suggestions only applicable to particular Cases, one general Law should embrace every Object, and remedy every Defect in the existing Statutes. When (it is added) the Receiver is in Reality the greatest Offender, and even the Source from whence most Burglaries and Robberies have their Origin, the Receipt of Stolen Goods should be made an original Offence."

Certainly a general Law, which provided in three Lines — That receiving Stolen Goods, Money, Bills, &c. knowing them to be stolen, and whether the Value did or did not amount to more than 1s. should be Felony, and that the Offenders should be liable to be transported for any Term not exceeding fourteen Years; or to be punished by whipping, Fine and Imprisonment; or any one or more of such Punishments, would seem to be much preferable to the present complicated System.

(1.) This does not extend to Money, (Guy's Case, Leach, Ca. 121.) nor to Bank Notes, Bills, &c. R. v. Sadi and Morris, Leach, Ca. 216; E. P. C. ch. 16, § 143. See 2 Geo. III. c. 25, (in the preceding Class) Note 5.

No. 2.

- B.** 1 Anne. stat. 2. c. 9. — An Act for punishing of Accessories to Felonies, and Receivers of stolen Goods, and to prevent the wilful burning and destroying of Ships.

[Inserted Class VII. ante.]

No. 2.
1 Anne, st. 2.
c. 9.

Receivers of
stolen Goods
may be punish-
ed, where the
principal Felon
is not con-
victed.

‘ II. **A**ND forasmuch as Buyers and Receivers of stolen Goods do oftentimes convey away and conceal the principal Felons, so that they cannot be convicted of such principal Felony, and thereby such Buyers and Receivers have escaped all Manner of Punishment, which hath greatly encouraged the buying and receiving of such stolen Goods:’ For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said twelfth Day of *February* one thousand seven hundred and two, it shall and may be lawful to prosecute and punish every such Person and Persons buying or receiving any stolen Goods, knowing the same to be stolen, as for a Misdemeanor, to be punished by Fine and Imprisonment, although the principal Felon be not before convicted of the said Felony, which shall exempt the Offender from being punished as Accessory, if the Principal shall be afterwards convicted.

No. 3.

- B.** 5 Anne, c. 31. — An Act for the Encouraging the Discovery and Apprehending of House-breakers.

[Inserted in the last Class.]

No. 3.
5 Anne, c. 31.

Buyers or Re-
ceivers of stolen
Goods, &c.
made Acces-
saries, &c.

‘ V. **A**ND forasmuch as the said Felons are much encouraged to commit such Burglaries and Felonies, because a great Number of Persons make it a Trade to receive and buy of the said Felons the Goods so by them feloniously taken, and also do make it their Business to harbour and conceal the said Offenders after the said Facts, knowing the said Felonies and Burglaries to have been by them committed:’ Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall receive or buy any Goods or Chattels that shall be feloniously taken or stolen from any other Person, knowing the same to be stolen, or shall receive, harbour, or conceal any Burglars, Felons, or Thieves, knowing them to be so, shall be taken and received as Accessary or Accessaries to the said Felony or Felonies; and being of either of the said Offences legally convicted, by the Testimony of one or more credible Witnesses, shall suffer and incur the Pains of Death as a Felon convict.

If principal Fe-
lon cannot be
taken, Acces-

‘ VI. Provided always, That if any such principal Felon cannot be taken, so as to be prosecuted and convicted for any

such Offence, yet nevertheless it shall and may be lawful to prosecute and punish every such Person and Persons buying or receiving any Goods stolen, by any such principal Felon, knowing the same to be stolen, as for a Misdemeanor, to be punished by Fine and Imprisonment, or other such corporal Punishment as the Court shall think fit to inflict, although the principal Felon be not before convict of the said Felony, which shall exempt the Offender from being punished as Accessary, if such principal Felon shall be afterwards taken and convicted.

No. 3.

5 Anne, c. 31:
sary to be tried
as for a Misdemeanor.

No. 4.

4 George I. c. 11.—An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; and for declaring the Law upon some Points relating to Pirates.

13.

‘ I. **W**HEREAS it is found by Experience, That the Punishments inflicted by the Laws now in Force against the Offences of Robbery, Larceny and other felonious Taking and Stealing of Money and Goods, have not proved effectual to deter wicked and evil-disposed Persons from being guilty of the said Crimes: And whereas many Offenders to whom Royal Mercy hath been extended, upon Condition of transporting themselves to the *West Indies*, have often neglected to perform the said Condition, but returned to their former Wickedness, and been at last for new Crimes brought to a shameful and ignominious Death: And whereas in many of his Majesty’s Colonies and Plantations in *America*, there is great Want of Servants, who by their Labour and Industry might be the Means of improving and making the said Colonies and Plantations more useful to this Nation:’ Be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That where any Person or Persons have been convicted of any Offence within the Benefit of Clergy, before the twentieth Day of *January* one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, and are liable to be whipt or burnt in the Hand, or have been ordered to any Workhouse, and who shall be therein on the said twentieth Day of *January*; as also where any Person or Persons shall be hereafter convicted of Grand or Petit Larceny, or any felonious Stealing or Taking of Money or Goods and Chattels, either from the Person, or the House of any other, or in any other Manner, and who by the law shall be entitled to the Benefit of Clergy, and liable only to the Penalties of Burning in the Hand or Whipping, (except Persons convicted for receiving or buying stolen Goods, knowing them to be stolen) it shall and may be lawful for the Court before whom they were convicted, or any Court

No. 4.

4 George I.
c. 11.

This Act is enforced,
6 Geo. 1. c. 23.

Persons convicted of Offences within Benefit of Clergy, except Receivers and Buyers of stolen Goods, shall be sent to the Plantations for seven Years.

No. 4.
4 George I.
c. 11.

Court to con-
tract for their
Transportation.

Persons con-
victed of Offen-
ces, excluded
Benefit of
Clergy, and
also Receivers
and Buyers of
stolen Goods
may be trans-
ported for 14
Years; and
Persons con-
tracting for their
Transportation
have Property
in their Service.

held at the same Place with the like Authority, if they think fit, instead of ordering any such Offenders to be burnt in the Hand, or whipt, to order and direct, That such Offenders, as also such Offenders in any Workhouse, as aforesaid, shall be sent as soon as conveniently may be, to some of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America* for the Space of seven Years; and that Court before whom they were convicted, or any subsequent Court held at the same Place, with like Authority as the former, shall have power to convey, transfer and make over, such Offenders, by Order of Court, to the Use of any Person or Persons who shall contract for the Performance of such Transportation, to him or them, and his and their Assigns, for such Term of seven Years; and where any Persons have been convicted, or do now stand attainted of any Offences whatsoever, for which Death by Law ought to be inflicted, or where any Offenders shall hereafter be convicted of any Crimes whatsoever, for which they are by Law to be excluded the Benefit of Clergy, and his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, shall be graciously pleased to extend Royal Mercy to any such Offenders, upon the Condition of Transportation to any Part of *America*, and such Intention of Mercy be signified by one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Court having proper Authority, to allow such Offenders the Benefit of a Pardon under the Great Seal, and to order and direct the like Transfer and Conveyance to any Person or Persons, (who will contract for the Performance of such Transportation) and to his and their Assigns, of any such before-mentioned Offenders, as also of any Person or Persons convicted of receiving or buying stolen Goods, knowing them to be stolen, for the Term of fourteen Years, in case such Condition of Transportation be general, or else for such other Term or Terms as shall be made Part of such Condition, if any particular Time be specified by his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as aforesaid; and such Person or Persons so contracting, as aforesaid, his or their Assigns, by virtue of such Order of Transfer, as aforesaid, shall have a Property and Interest in the Service of such Offenders for such Term of Years.

Persons taking
Rewards for
helping to
stolen Goods,
guilty of Fel-
ony.

'IV. And whereas there are several Persons who have
'secret Acquaintance with Felons, and who make it their
'Business to help Persons to their stolen Goods, and by that
'Means gain Money from them, which is divided between
'them and the Felons, whereby they greatly encourage such
'Offenders:' Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That
where-ever any Person taketh Money or Reward, directly or
indirectly, under Pretence or upon Account of helping any
Person or Persons to any stolen Goods or Chattels, every such
Person so taking Money or Reward, as aforesaid, (unless such
Person doth apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, such
Felon who stole the same, and cause such Felon to be brought
to his Trial for the same, and give Evidence against him) shall
be guilty of Felony, and suffer the Pains and Penalties of

Felony, according to the Nature of the Felony committed in stealing such Goods, and in such and the same Manner as if such Offender had himself stole such Goods and Chattels, in the Manner, and with such Circumstances as the same were stolen. (1.)

No. 4.
4 George I.
c. 11.

(1.) By 6 George, c. 23. a Reward of £40 is given for apprehending Persons guilty of this Offence. This Provision was made with a View of reaching the famous Jonathan Wild, who was convicted and executed upon it. In Drinkwater's Case, Leach, Ca. 7. a Question was made, Whether a Person could be found guilty under it, the principal Felon not being convicted? But Sir E. H. East suggests, that the real Question must have been, Whether the Offender could be found guilty, the Principal being dead, so that the other could not have the Opportunity of apprehending, &c. ?

No. 5.

15 George II. c. 27.—An Act for the more effectual preventing any Cloth, or Woollen Goods remaining upon the Rack or Tenters, or any Woollen Yarn or Wool left out to dry, from being stolen or taken away in the Night-time.

‘**W**HEREAS Clothiers and others concerned in the Woollen Manufacture are under a Necessity of letting their Cloth, and other Woollen Goods remain upon the Rack or Tenters, as also of suffering their Wool to lie exposed in the Night-time, in order the better to dry and prepare the same; whereby the said Goods are more frequently liable to be stolen by wicked and evil-designing Persons, who are encouraged in their Wickedness by the Difficulty of proving the Identity of the Goods stolen; Therefore to secure the Property of such Clothiers, and others concerned in the Woollen Manufacture, and to facilitate a Discovery of such Goods so stolen; Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the twenty-ninth Day of September, one thousand seven hundred and forty-two, in case any Cloth or Woollen Goods remaining upon the Rack or Tenters, or any Woollen Yarn or Wool left out to dry, shall be stolen or taken away in the Night-time; it shall and may be lawful to and for any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the same County or Place, upon Complaint made to him or them, within ten Days after such Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, shall have been so stolen or taken away, by the Owner of such Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, by Warrant under his or their Hands and Seals, to authorize and empower any Constable, Headborough, or other Peace Officer in the Day-time, to enter into and search the Houses, Outhouses, Yards, Gardens, or other Places belonging to the Houses of all and every Person and Persons whom the

No. 5.
15 George II.
c. 27.

No. 5.
15 George II.
c. 27.

Search may be made for Cloth stolen off Tenters, and Wool, &c. left to dry.

Woollen Goods
found, to be ac-
counted for be-
fore a Justice.

**Offender to
forfeit tieble
Value, by Dis-
gress and Sale:**

**second Offence
six Months Im-
prisonment.**

Owner of such Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, shall, upon his Oath, declare to such Justice or Justices of the Peace, he suspects to have stolen, taken away or received the same; and in case such Constable, or other Officer shall find or discover any Cloth, Woollen Goods, or Wool, which he shall from the Information of the Person making such Oath, have reason to suspect to be so stolen, taken away or received, he shall forthwith apprehend all and every Person or Persons in whose Custody or Possession such Cloth, Woollen Goods or Wool shall be found, and carry him, her, or them, before some Justice or Justices of the Peace of the same County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City, or Town Corporate; and if the said Person or Persons so suspected, apprehended, and carried before the said Justice or Justices, shall not then and there give a satisfactory Account, how he, she, or they acquired the Property or Possession of such Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, or shall not, within some convenient Time to be set by the said Justice or Justices, produce the Party or Parties of whom he, she, or they received the same, or some other credible Witness to depose upon Oath such Property or Right to the Possession of the said Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered to administer), that the said Person or Persons so suspected, and not giving such satisfactory Account, nor producing any such Witness upon Oath to testify as aforesaid, shall be deemed and adjudged as convicted of the said Offence of stealing or taking away the said Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, and shall for the first Offence forfeit and pay to the Owner of such Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, Treble the Value thereof; and in Default of Payment thereof, in the Time appointed by such Justice or Justices for the Payment thereof, such Justice or Justices of the Peace shall issue forth his or their Warrant to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, returning the Overplus, if any be; and in Default of such Distress, shall commit the Offender or Offenders to the common Gaol of the County, City, or Place where the said Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended, there to remain for the Space of three Months without Bail or Mainprize, or until he, she, or they pay the same; and if such Person or Persons shall again commit the said Offence, and be thereof convicted as before, then they and every of them so offending the second Time, and being thereof so convicted, shall, over and above the Forfeiture of Treble the Value of the Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool so found, to be recovered and levied as aforesaid, be committed to the common Gaol as aforesaid, there to remain for the Space of six Months without Bail or Mainprize; and if such Person or Persons shall again commit the said Offence, and be thereof convicted as before, the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom such Person or Persons shall be so convicted as aforesaid, shall forthwith issue his or their Warrant to commit the said Offender

der or Offenders to the common Gaol as aforesaid, there to remain till the next Assizes or Great Session, where the said Offender or Offenders shall be tried for the said Offence; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not by producing the Party or Parties of whom he, she, or they acquired the Property or Possession of such Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, or otherwise prove to the Satisfaction of the Jury, that he, she, or they lawfully obtained the Property or Possession of the same, he, she, or they shall be adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and suffer Transportation for the Space of seven Years, and shall be liable to the same Punishment, and to the like Methods of Prosecution, Trial, and Conviction for returning from such Transportation, as other Felons transported are liable unto by virtue of the Laws now in Force.

No. 5.
15 George II.
c. 27.

Transportation
for third Of-
fence.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons so suspected and apprehended as aforesaid, shall find him, her or themselves aggrieved by any Judgment or Determination which shall be given or made by any Justice or Justices of the Peace by virtue of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person or Persons so aggrieved (unless he, she or they have twice before been convicted of the same Offence), to appeal unto the Justices of the Peace in their General Quarter Sessions, which shall happen to be held next after such Judgment or Determination given or made, who are hereby authorized and empowered to give such Relief, and make such Order therein as to them shall seem meet; and such Judgment, Order, or Determination as shall be by them made upon the said Appeal, shall be final to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Appeal.

III. Provided also, That this Act shall not extend to alter or repeal any Law now in Force, for the Punishment of any Person or Persons stealing or receiving such Cloth, Woollen Goods, Woollen Yarn, or Wool, except in such Cases where the Proof is laid upon the Offender or Offenders as aforesaid; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

No. 6.

25 George II. c. 36.—An Act for the better preventing Thefts and Robberies, and for regulating Places of Publick Entertainment, and punishing Persons keeping disorderly Houses.

P.

‘WHEREAS the advertising a Reward with no Questions asked, for the Return of Things which have been lost or stolen, is one great Cause and Encouragement of Thefts and Robberies;’ Be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this pre-

No. 6.
25 George II.
c. 36.

No. 6.
25 George II.
c. 36.

Persons advertising
Reward for Return of
Things stolen
or lost, &c.

and the Printer,
to forfeit 50 l.

sent Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, any Person publickly advertising a Reward with no Questions asked, for the Return of Things which have been stolen, or lost, or making use of any Words in such public Advertisement, purporting that such Reward shall be given or paid without seizing or making Enquiry after the Person producing such Thing so stolen or lost, or promising or offering, in any such publick Advertisement, to return to any Pawnbroker, or other Person, who may have bought or advanced Money by way of Loan upon such Thing so stolen or lost the money so paid or advanced, or any other Sum of Money or Reward for the Return of such Thing; and any Person printing or publishing such Advertisement, shall respectively forfeit the Sum of fifty Pounds for every such Offence, to any Person who will sue for the same.

No. 7.

29 George II. c. 30.—An Act for more effectually discouraging and preventing the stealing, and the buying and receiving of stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal and Solder, and for more effectually bringing the Offenders to Justice.

No. 7.
29 George II.
c. 30.

‘WHEREAS the pernicious Practice of stealing Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal and Solder fixed to, or lying or being in or upon Houses, Outhouses, Mills, Warehouses, Workshops and other Buildings, Areas, Vaults, Yards, Gardens, Orchards or other Places; and also the stealing of such Materials from Ships, Barges, Lighters, Boats and other Vessels and Craft, upon navigable Rivers, in Ports of Entry or Discharge, Creeks and Docks belonging thereto, and also from off Wharfs, Keys and other Places, is become a great and notorious Evil, by reason of the Difficulty in apprehending and convicting the Thieves, and the still greater Difficulty of discovering and convicting the Buyers or Receivers thereof; which Buyers or Receivers are the principal Cause of the Commission of such Thefts; and in regard that the said Offences are committed in such close and clandestine Manner, that there can be no Witness or Witnesses to the same, but such who is or are Partakers of the Offence: And whereas if the Buyers and Receivers of Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, knowing or having reasonable Cause to suspect the same to be stolen or unlawfully come by, were made original Offenders, and punishable independent of the Apprehension and Conviction of the Thief; and if the apprehending, prosecuting and convicting the Offenders in both Kinds were rendered more easy and speedy, it might more effectually tend to the Discovery and Suppression of the said Offences:’ For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with

the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, every Person who shall buy or receive any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, (1.) knowing the same to be unlawfully come by, or shall privately buy or receive any stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, by suffering any Door, Window or Shutter to be left open or unfastened between Sun-setting and Sun-rising for that Purpose, or shall buy or receive the same, or any of them, at any Time in any clandestine Manner from any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall, being thereof convicted by due Course of Law, although the principal Felon or Felons has not or have not been convicted of stealing the same, be transported for fourteen Years to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, according to the Laws in Force for the Transportation of Felons

No. 7.
29 George II.
c. 36.

Buyers or Receivers knowing, &c. transported for 14 Years.

II. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace, upon Complaint made to him upon Oath by any credible Persons, that there is Cause to suspect stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, is concealed in any Dwelling-house, Out-house, Yard, Garden or other Place or Places, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause every such Dwelling-house, Out-house, Yard, Garden and Place to be searched in the Day-time; and if any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, suspected to be stolen, shall be found therein, to cause the same, and the Person or Persons in whose House, Out-house, Yard, Garden or other Place the same shall be found, to be brought before any two or more Justices of the Peace for the same County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty or Place; and if the said Person or Persons shall not give an Account, to the Satisfaction of such Justices, how he, she, or they came by the same; or shall not, within some convenient Time to be set by the said Justices, produce the Party or Parties of or from whom he, she, or they bought or received such stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, that then the said Person or Persons so offending shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Where Cause of Suspicion, Justice to issue Search Warrant.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Constable, Headborough or Tithingman, in every

Suspected Persons, in the Night-time,

(1.) *Ir. Rex v. Stott*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 144. A Doubt was entertained, Whether the Act (or the Exception of the same enumerated Articles in Stat. 22 Geo. III. post) only extended to the Articles in their raw State, as contradistinguished from wrought Goods? And the Case of *Rex v. Scott*, before Serjt. Adair, as Chief Justice of Chester, was cited, as having so decided, (which certainly was the Case within my own knowledge). I remember, in the Discussion in the *King v. Stott*, that the Court leaned very much to the Objection, (which was founded upon the Exception in Stat. 22 Geo. III.) but in consequence of an Intimation, that in a Proceeding under the present Statute, the Sentence of Transportation for fourteen Years, was a specific Punishment, the Defendant's Counsel waved any further Prosecution of the Writ of Error. Sir E. H. East, ub. supra, states strong Reasons against confining the Description to the several Metals in an unwrought State.

No. 7. County, City, Town Corporate, or other Place where they
 29 George II. shall be Officers, and every Beadle within his Ward, Parish
 c. 30. or District, and every Watchman, during such Time only as
 may be apprehended, &c. he is on his Duty, shall and may apprehend, or cause to be
 apprehended, all and every Person or Persons who may
 reasonably be suspected of having or carrying, or any ways
 conveying, at any Time after Sun-setting, and before Sun-
 rising, any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder,
 suspected to be stolen or unlawfully come by; and the same,
 together with such Person or Persons, as soon as conveniently
 may be, to convey or carry before any two or more Justices of
 the Peace for the County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty or
 Place aforesaid; and if the Person or Persons so apprehended
 conveying any such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or
 Solder, shall not produce the Party or Parties from whom he,
 she, or they bought or received the same, or some other credible
 Witness to depose upon Oath the Sale or Delivery of the
 said Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder (which
 Oath any such Justices are hereby impowered to administer) or
 shall not give an Account, to the Satisfaction of any two or
 more of such Justices, how he, she, or they came by the same,
 that then the said Person or Persons so apprehended shall be
 deemed and adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor.

In which
 Cases Mate-
 rials to be de-
 posited with the
 Church-
 wardens, &c.

Owner proving
 his Property, to
 have them.

IV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That
 where any Person or Persons shall be convicted of either of the
 Misdemeanors aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any
 two or more of such Justices to cause such Lead, Iron, Copper,
 Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, to be deposited in the Hands of
 the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Place
 where such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder
 were found, or in any other convenient Place, for any Time
 not exceeding thirty Days; and in the mean Time to order the
 said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or one
 of them, in all and every of the Parishes within the Bills
 of Mortality, to insert an Advertisement in some publick Paper,
 and in every other Parish or Place to cause Notice to be given
 by some publick Cryer, and by fixing on the Church or Chapel
 Door Notice describing such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-
 metal or Solder, and where the same shall be so deposited, to
 the End that Persons having lost such Lead, Iron, Copper,
 Brass, Bell-metal or Solder may come and claim the same, or
 any reputable Person on their Behalf; and in case any Person
 or Persons can prove their Property to the said Lead, Iron,
 Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, upon Oath, to the Satis-
 faction of any two or more of such Justices of the Peace
 for such County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty, or Place,
 that then such Justices shall order Restitution of such Lead,
 Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder to the Owner or
 Owners thereof, after paying the reasonable Charges of remov-
 ing, depositing and giving publick Notice of the same, and if
 at the End of the said thirty Days no Person or Persons shall
 come and prove his, her, or their Property, nor any reputable
 Person on his or their Behalf, to such Lead, Iron, Copper,

Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, the same to be sold for the best Price that can reasonably be had; and after deducting the Charges as aforesaid, one Moiety of the Money arising from such Sale to be given to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend the Party or Parties guilty of the Misdemeanors aforementioned, or either of them; and the other Moiety thereof to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed (if it is known where) or else where such Convictions shall be made.

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c. 30.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person to whom any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder shall be brought and offered to be sold, pawned or delivered, shall and is hereby impowered and required (there being reasonable Cause to suspect that such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder was stolen or unlawfully come by) to apprehend, secure and carry before a Justice of the Peace for the County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty or Place where the same shall be so brought or offered (having it in his or her Power so to do) the Person or Persons so bringing or offering the same, together with such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder; and such Person or Persons so apprehended shall be dealt with, and such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, shall be deposited and disposed of, in the same Manner as if he, she, or they had been apprehended by the Constable, Headborough, Tythingman, Beadle or Watchman as aforesaid; and if it shall appear upon the Oath of any Person, notwithstanding such Person or Persons was or were concerned in the stealing the same, if corroborated with other credible Circumstances, to the Satisfaction of two or more Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty or Place where the same shall be so brought or offered as aforesaid, that there was reasonable Cause to suspect such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder was stolen or unlawfully come by, and that the Person or Persons to whom such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder was so brought or offered, did not (having it in his, her, or their Power so to do) apprehend, secure and carry before a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, the Person or Persons who so brought or offered the same, that then the Person or Persons to whom such Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder was so brought or offered, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Person to whom any such Materials shall be brought, may in suspected Case stop, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Person deemed and adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor, in having in his, her, or their Possession, any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, suspected to be stolen, or unlawfully come by, and not producing the Party or Parties of whom he, she, or they bought or received the same, nor giving a satisfactory Account how he, she, or they came by the same, or in having, carrying or conveying of Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, suspected to be stolen or unlawfully come by, and not producing the Party or Parties from whom

Persons convicted of a Misdemeanor, &c. and not accounting satisfactorily for the same, to forfeit, &c.

No. 7. he, she, or they bought or received the same, nor any credible Witness to depose upon Oath the Sale or Delivery thereof, nor giving a satisfactory Account how he, she, or they came by the same (as the Case shall be) shall, for every such Misdemeanor, forfeit for the first Offence the Sum of forty Shillings, and for the second Offence the Sum of four Pounds, and for every subsequent Offence the Sum of six Pounds; and that every Person deemed and adjudged guilty of the Misdemeanor of neglecting to apprehend, secure and carry before a Justice of the Peace, the Person or Persons (having it in his, her, or their Power so to do) who brought or offered to sell, pawn or deliver any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder (as the Case shall be) suspected to be stolen or unlawfully come by, shall, for every such Misdemeanor, forfeit for the first Offence the Sum of twenty Shillings, and for the second Offence the Sum of forty Shillings, and for every subsequent Offence the Sum of four Pounds; all which said respective Forfeitures shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Offender (rendering to him or her the Overplus, after Charges of the said Distress and Sale deducted) by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any two or more of such Justices, before whom such Offender was deemed and adjudged guilty; which Forfeiture shall be paid, one Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof to the Overseers of the Poor, for the Use of the Poor of the Parish or Place where such Offence was committed (if it is known where) or else where such Conviction shall be made; and if no sufficient Distress shall be found, whereupon to levy the said respective Forfeitures, then the said Justices shall and may commit every such Offender; so respectively deemed and adjudged guilty as aforesaid, to the common Gaol or other Prison, or House of Correction, within their Jurisdiction, without Bail or Mainprize, for the Space of one Month for the first Offence, and for the second Offence for the Space of two Months, and for every subsequent Offence until such Offender shall be discharged by Order of the Court of General or Quarter Sessions.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Conviction of any Offender, in any of the aforesaid Misdemeanors, shall be certified by two or more of the Justices of the Peace, making the same, to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be filed and entered amongst the Records of the said Sessions; and that such Conviction shall and may be drawn up on Parchment, and certified in the following Form of Words (as the Case shall happen) or in any other Form of Words to the like Effect, *mutatis mutandis*; that is to say,

in the Form following.

Middlesex, } B E it remembered, That on the Day
to wit. } of in the Year A. B. was
' convicted before us of the Justices of
' the Peace for the County, City, Riding, Division,
' Liberty or Place aforesaid (as the Case shall be) of a
' Misdemeanor, in having in his, her, or their Posses-

' sion, Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Sol-
 ' der, suspected to be stolen or unlawfully come by,
 ' and not producing the Party or Parties of whom he,
 ' she, or they bought or received the same, nor giving
 ' a satisfactory Account how he, she, or they came by
 ' the same, or in having, carrying, or conveying of
 ' Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder,
 ' suspected to be stolen or unlawfully come by, and not
 ' producing the Party or Parties from whom he, she,
 ' or they bought or received the same, nor any credible
 ' Witness to depose upon Oath the Sale or Delivery
 ' thereof, or not giving a satisfactory Account how he,
 ' she, or they came by the same, or of neglecting to
 ' apprehend and secure the Person or Persons who
 ' brought and offered to pawn, sell or deliver Lead,
 ' Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, suspected
 ' to be stolen or unlawfully come by (as the Case
 ' shall be).

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' Given under our Hands and Seals the Day
 ' and Year aforesaid.'

Which said Conviction, in the same or the like Form of Words, shall be good and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and shall not be quashed, set aside, or adjudged void or insufficient for want of any other Form or Words whatsoever, nor be liable to be removed by *Certiorari* into his Majesty's Court of *King's Bench*, but shall be deemed and taken to be final to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, being out of Prison, shall, after the said first Day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, commit any Felony, by stealing any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, and afterwards discover two or more Persons who shall buy or receive any stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, after the said first Day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, knowing the same to be stolen, so as two or more of the Persons discovered shall be convicted of such buying or receiving, he, she or they so discovering shall have and be intitled to, the gracious Pardon of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for all such Felonies by him or her committed, at any Time or Times before such Discovery made, which Pardon shall be likewise a Bar to any Appeal brought for such Felony.

Felon convict-
 ing the Buyers
 or Receivers,
 intitled to his
 Pardon;

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall be concerned in the stealing any Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, and shall afterwards, being out of Prison, discover any Person to whom he, she, or they shall have, after the first Day of *October*, offered to sell, pawn or deliver any stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, so as such Person be convicted of the Misdemeanor of not apprehending, securing and carrying him, her,

and convicting
 any of a Misdemeanor, in not
 apprehending,
 &c. is discharged
 from Prosecution for such
 Felony.

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or them before a Justice as aforesaid, that then the Person making such Discovery shall not be liable to be prosecuted for stealing the Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal or Solder, so offered as aforesaid.

Limitation of
Actions.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or other Officer or Person whatsoever, for doing or causing to be done any Thing in pursuance of this Act, concerning the said Offences, the same shall be commenced or brought within six Months after such Cause of Action has accrued; and the Defendant in such Case may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence; and if upon such Action a Verdict shall be given for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff become nonsuited, or discontinue his Action, the Defendant shall have Treble Costs.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

Former Laws
not vacated, nor
Offenders liable
to double Pun-
ishment.

XI. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal any former Law now in being, for the Punishment of such Offenders; and provided also, that such Offender, after having been punished by this Act, shall not for the same Offence be afterwards punished or be liable to be punished by any such former Law.

No. 8.

29.

2 George III. c. 28.—An Act to prevent the committing of Thefts and Frauds by Persons navigating Bum-Boats, and other Boats, upon the River *Thames*.*

No. 8.
1 George III.
c. 28.

Persons convicted of knowingly buying or receiving stolen Goods from Vessels in the River; or of privately buying or receiving at any Time any such Goods clandestinely, or by suffering any Door, Window, or Shutter at Night to be left open or unfastened for that Purpose, shall be transported for 14 Years.

XII. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, every Person who shall buy or receive any Part of the Cargo or Loading of, or any Goods, Stores or Things, of or belonging to any Ship or Vessel in the said River, knowing the same to be stolen or unlawfully come by; or shall privately buy or receive any such Goods, Stores or Things, or any Part of such Cargo or Loading, by suffering any Door, Window or Shutter to be left open or unfastened between Sun-setting and Sun-rising for that Purpose, or shall buy or receive the same, or any of them, at any Time, in any clandestine Manner, from any Person or Persons whomsoever, shall, being thereof convicted by due Course of Law (although the principal Felon or Felons, Offender or Offenders, has or have not been convicted of stealing or unlawfully procuring the same) be transported for fourteen Years to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, according to the Laws in force for the Transportation of Felons.

* See 39 and 40 Geo. III. c. 87. *infra*.

No. 9.

10 George III. c. 48. — An Act for making the Receiving of stolen Jewels, and Gold and Silver Plate, in the Case of Burglary and Highway Robbery, more penal.

WHEREAS the Facility with which stolen Jewels, and Gold and Silver Plate, are disposed of, is one principal Cause of the frequent Commission of Burglaries and Highway Robberies; and the present Laws against the receiving of stolen Goods are found insufficient to deter Persons from that Practice: May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That every Person, who from and after the first Day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy, shall buy or receive any stolen Jewel or Jewels, or any stolen Gold or Silver Plate, Watch or Watches, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall, in all Cases where such Jewel or Jewels, (1.) or Gold or Silver Plate, (2.) shall have been feloniously stolen, accompanied with a Burglary actually committed in the stealing the same, or shall have been feloniously taken by a Robbery on the Highway, shall be triable as well before Conviction of the principal Felon in such Felony and Burglary or Robbery, whether he shall be in or out of Custody, as after his Conviction: And if any Person, so buying or receiving such Jewel or Jewels, or Gold or Silver Plate, shall be convicted thereof, he shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and be transported to some of his Majesty's Plantations in America for the Space of fourteen Years, according to the Laws in Force for Transportation of Felons.

No. 9.
10 George III.
c. 48.

Preamble.

After 1 June, 1770, Persons receiving Jewels, Gold or Silver Plate, or Watches, knowing them to be stolen, triable as well before as after Conviction of principal Felons; and on Conviction to be transported for 14 Years.

(1.) (2.) In *Rex v. Moses*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 146. the Judges differed as to a Gold Watch being Plate; but agreed that Cornelian Seals, set in Gold, were Jewels within the Act.

No. 10.

13 George III. c. 31. — An Act for the more effectual Execution of the Criminal Laws in the two Parts of the United Kingdom.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, in either Part of the United Kingdom, shall hereafter receive or have any Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, stolen, or otherwise feloniously taken, in the other Part of the United Kingdom, knowing the same to be stolen, or otherwise feloniously taken, every such Person or Persons shall be liable to be indicted, tried, and

No. 10.
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c. 31.

Receivers of Money, &c., in either Part of the Kingdom, knowing the same to be

No. 10. punished for such Offence in that Part of the United Kingdom
 13 George III. where he, she, or they shall so receive or have the said Mo-
 c. 31. ney, Cattle, Goods; or other Effects, in the same Manner, to
 stolen, also lia- all Intent and Purposes, as if the said Money, Cattle, Goods,
 ble to be punished. or other Effects, had been originally stolen, or otherwise felon-
 ously taken, in that Part of the United Kingdom.

No. 11.

21 George III. c. 69.—An Act to explain and amend an
 Act, made in the twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of
 his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled,
 “An Act for more effectually discouraging and pre-
 venting the stealing, and the buying and receiving of
 stolen Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, and
 Solder; and for more effectually bringing the Of-
 fenders to Justice.

No. 11. **W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the twenty-ninth
 21 George III. Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George*
 c. 69. the Second, intituled, “An Act for more effectually discour-
 Preamble. aging and preventing the stealing, and buying of stolen
 Recital of 20 Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, and Solder; and
 Geo. 2. c. 39. for more effectually bringing the Offenders to Justice,” divers
 Provisions were made for punishing the Receivers and Buyers
 of Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, and Solder, know-
 ing the same to be stolen: And whereas the said Act has been
 found by Experience to tend to good and useful Purposes,
 and to prevent many Felonies being committed in respect to
 the several Articles therein mentioned; but the Metal called
 Pewter not being mentioned or included in the said Act, evil-
 disposed Persons have taken Advantage thereof, and the
 stealing of Pewter Pots, and other Pewter, and the buying
 and receiving such Pewter Pots, and other Pewter, know-
 ing the same to be stolen, is become a great and notorious
 Evil; be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty,
 by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and
 Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assem-
 bled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the
 first Day of *August*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-
 one, every Person who shall buy or receive any Pewter Pot,
 or other Vessel, or any Pewter in any Form or Shape what-
 ever, knowing the same to be stolen, or unlawfully come by;
 or shall privately buy or receive any stolen Pewter, by suffer-
 ing any Door, Window, or Shutter, to be left open or unfas-
 tened, between Sun-setting and Sun-rising, for that Purpose;
 or shall buy or receive the same at any Time, in any clanden-
 tine Manner, from any Person or Persons whatsoever; shall,
 being thereof convicted by due Course of Law, although the
 principal Felon or Felons has not or have not been convicted

From Aug. 1,
 1781, every
 Person who
 shall buy or re-
 ceive any
 Pewter Pot, or
 other Pewter,
 knowing the
 same to be
 stolen, &c.
 shall, on Con-
 viction, be
 transported as a
 Felon for seven
 Years, &c.

of stealing the same, be transported, in like Manner as other Felons are directed to be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, for any Time not exceeding seven Years, or be kept and detained in Prison, and therein kept to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding three Years, nor less than one Year; and within that Time (if such Court shall think fitting) such Offender or Offenders shall be once, or oftener, but not more than three Times, publicly whipped.

No. 11.
21 George III.
c. 69.

No. 12.

22 George III, c. 58.—An Act for the more easy Discovery and effectual Punishment of Buyers and Receivers of Stolen Goods.

WHEREAS the pernicious Practices of buying and receiving stolen Goods are become a great Evil, by reason of the Difficulty of discovering the Persons guilty of the same, and of the Insufficiency of the Laws now in being for the Punishment of such Offenders, in certain Cases; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, in all Cases whatsoever where any Goods or Chattels (except Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, Bell-metal, and Solder, (1.) shall have been feloniously taken or stolen, whether the Offence of the Person or Persons so taking or stealing the same, shall amount to Grand Larceny or some greater Offence, or to Petit Larceny only (except where the Person or Persons actually committing the Felony shall have been already convicted of Grand Larceny, (2) or of some greater Offence), every Person who shall buy or receive any such Goods and Chattels, knowing the same to have been so taken or stolen, shall be held and deemed guilty of, and may be prosecuted for, a Misdemeanor, and shall be punished by Fine, Imprisonment, or Whipping, as the Court of Quarter Sessions, who are hereby empowered to try such Offender, or as any other Court before which he, she, or they, shall be tried, shall think fit to inflict; although the principal Felon or Felons be not before convicted of the said Felony, and whether he, she, or they, is or are amenable to Justice or not; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding: And in Cases where the Felony actually committed shall amount to Grand Larceny, or to some greater Offence, and where the Person or Persons actually committing

No. 12.
22 George III.
c. 58.
Preamble.

Every Person buying or receiving stolen Goods shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and prosecuted accordingly.

(1.) See Note to 29 Geo. II c. 30 *supra*.

(2.) It is not necessary to allege in the Indictment, that the Persons committing the Felony had not been convicted of great Larceny, &c. which is Matter of Difference, that, if proved by the Defendant, would intitle him to an Acquittal; *R. v. Baxter*, 5 T. R. 85.

No. 12.
12 George III
c. 58.

Justices may
grant Search
Warrants.

Punishment of
Persons in
whose Custody
they are found.

Constables, &c.
may apprehend
Persons suspect-
ed, &c.

Persons offering
stolen Goods to
be pawned or
sold, shall be
taken before a
Justice.

such Felony shall not be before convicted, such Offender or Offenders shall be exempted from being punished as Accessary or Accessaries, if such principal Felon or Felons shall be afterwards convicted.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace, upon Complaint made before him upon Oath, that there is Reason to suspect that stolen Goods are knowingly concealed in any Dwelling-house, Out-house, Garden, Yard, Croft, or other Place or Places, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause every such Dwelling-house, Out-house, Garden, Yard, Croft, or other Place or Places, to be searched in the Day Time; and the Person or Persons knowingly concealing the said stolen Goods, or any Part thereof, or in whose Custody the same, or any Part thereof, shall be found, he, she, or they, being privy thereto, shall be deemed and held guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall and may be brought before any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, Town Corporate, Riding, Division, Liberty, or Place, and made amenable to answer the same, by like Warrant of any such Justice, and being thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall be punishable in the Manner aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That every Constable, Headborough, or Tithing-man, in every County, City, Town Corporate, Riding, Division, Liberty, or other Place where there shall be Officers, and every Beadle within his Ward, Parish, or District, and every Watchman, during such Time only as he is on his Duty, shall and may apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, all and every Person and Persons, who may reasonably be suspected of having, or carrying, or any ways conveying, at any Time after Sun-setting, and before Sun-rising, any Goods or Chattels suspected to be stolen, and the same, together with such Person or Persons, as soon as conveniently may be, to convey or carry before any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, Town Corporate, Riding, Division, Liberty, or Place aforesaid, to be dealt with according to Law; and such Person and Persons, so carrying or conveying such Goods or Chattels, knowing the same to have been stolen, and being thereof convicted, by due Course of Law, shall be deemed and held to be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and, on Conviction as aforesaid, shall be imprisoned for any Time not exceeding six Calendar Months, nor less than three Calendar Months.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person, to whom any Goods or Chattels, which have been feloniously stolen or taken, shall be brought and offered to be sold, pawned, or delivered, shall, and is hereby impowered and required (there being reasonable Cause to suspect that such Goods or Chattels were stolen) to apprehend, secure, and carry before a Justice of the Peace for the County, City, Town Corporate, Riding, Division, Liberty, or Place, where the same Goods and Chattels shall be so brought or offered to be sold, pawned, or delivered (having it

in his or her Power so to do), the Person and Persons bringing or offering the same.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, being out of Custody or in Custody, if under the Age of fifteen Years, upon any Charge of Felony within Benefit of Clergy, shall have committed any Felony after the first Day of *August*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and shall afterwards discover two or more Persons who shall have bought or received any Goods or Chattels, which shall have been feloniously stolen or taken from any other Person or Persons, after the said first Day of *August*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, knowing the same to be stolen, so as two or more of the Persons discovered shall be convicted of such buying or receiving, he, she, or they, so discovering, shall have and be entitled to the gracious pardon of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for all such Felonies by him or her committed at any Time or Times before such Discovery made, which Pardon shall be likewise a Bar to any Appeal brought for such Felony.

VI. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to repeal any former Law now in being for the Punishment of such Offenders; and provided also, that such Offender, after having been prosecuted and convicted under this Act, shall not, for the same Offence, be afterwards punished, or liable to be punished by any such former Law.

No. 12.
22 George III.
c. 58.

Persons under
15 Years of
Age, charged
with Felony,
how entitled to
his Majesty's
Pardon.

No. 13.

39 and 40 George III. c. 87.— An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Depredations on the River *Thames*, and in its Vicinity; and to amend an Act, made in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, to prevent the committing of Thefts and Frauds by Persons navigating Barge Boats, and other Boats upon the River *Thames*.—[28th. July 1800.]

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* XXII. **A**ND whereas in and by the said last-mentioned Act, Persons guilty of certain Offences are punishable by Transportation for fourteen Years, but the said Offences not being by the said Act declared to be Felony, the Trial thereof may in all Cases be put off, by Means of a Traverse, to the next Sessions after the finding of the Bill of Indictment for the same, and the Offender be in the mean Time liberated, on being admitted to Bail, whereby Justice has been in many Instances eluded; for Remedy thereof, be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any Indictment shall be found against any Person or Persons for the said Offences, or any of them, the Person or Persons so indicted shall plead to the same Indictment without having Time to traverse the same, as is usual in Cases of Misdemeanors.

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George III.
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Persons guilty
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Transportation
for 14 Years,
shall plead to
Indictments
without having
Time to tra-
verse.

PART V. CLASS IX.

EMBEZZLEMENT BY AGENTS AND PUBLIC OFFICERS.

No. 1.

30 George III. c. 59.—An Act for the more effectually preventing the Embezzlement of Money or Securities for Money belonging to the Public, by any Collector, Receiver, or other Person entrusted with the Receipt, Care or Management thereof.—[9th. June 1810.]

No. 1.
50 George III.
59.

Embezzling
Money issued
for Public Ser-
vices.

Misdemeanor,
&c.

Officers giving
in false State-
ments of Money
entrusted to
their Care.

• **W**HIEREAS it is most expedient that due Provision should be made more effectually to prevent the Embezzlement of Money or Securities for Money belonging to the Public, by any Collector, Receiver or other Officer entrusted with the Receipt, Custody or Management thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons to whom any Money or Securities for Money shall be issued for publick Services, shall from and after the passing of this Act embezzle such Money, or in any Manner fraudulently apply the same to his own Use or Benefit, or for any Purpose whatever except for publick Services, every such Person so offending, and being thereof duly convicted according to Law, in any Part of the United Kingdom, shall be adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced to be transported beyond the Sea, or to receive such other Punishment as may by Law be inflicted on Persons guilty of Misdemeanors, and as the Court before which such Offenders may be tried and convicted shall adjudge.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any such Officer, Collector or Receiver so entrusted with the Receipt, Custody or Management of any Part of the public Revenues, shall knowingly furnish false Statements or Returns of the Sums of Money collected by him or entrusted to his Care, or of the

Balances of Money in his Hands or under his Controul, such Officer, Collector or Receiver so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall be adjudged to suffer the Punishment of Fine and Imprisonment, at the Discretion of the Court, and be rendered for ever incapable of holding or enjoying any Office under the Crown.

No. 1.
George III.
c. 59.
Misdemeanor,
&c.

No. 2.

52 George III. c. 63. — An Act for more effectually preventing the Embezzlement of Securities for Money and other Effects, left or deposited for safe Custody, or other special Purpose, in the Hands of Bankers, Merchants, Brokers, Attornies or other Agents.— [9th. June 1812.]

‘**W**HEREAS it is expedient that due Provision should be made to prevent the Embezzlement of Government and other Securities for Money, Plate, Jewels and other Personal Effects, deposited for safe Custody, or for any special Purpose, with Bankers, Merchants, Brokers, Attornies and other Agents, entrusted by their Customers and Employers;’ Be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons with whom (as Banker or Bankers, Merchant or Merchants, Broker or Brokers, Attorney or Attornies, or Agent or Agents of any Description whatsoever) any Ordinance Debenture, Exchequer Bill, Navy, Victualling or Transport Bill, or other Bill, Warrant or Order for the Payment of Money, State Lottery Ticket or Certificate, Seaman’s Ticket, Bank Receipt for Payment of any Loan, India Bond or other Bond, or any Deed, Note or other Security for Money, or for any Share or Interest in any National Stock or Fund of this or any other Country, or any Stock or Fund of any Corporation, Company or Society established by Act of Parliament or Royal Charter, or any Power of Attorney for the Sale or Transfer of any such Stock or Fund, or any Share or Interest therein, or any Plate, Jewels or other Personal Effects, shall have been deposited, or shall be or remain for safe Custody, or upon or for any special Purpose, without any Authority, either general, special, conditional or discretionary, to sell or pledge such Debenture, Bill, Warrant, Order, State Lottery Ticket or Certificate, Seaman’s Ticket, Bank Receipt, Bond, Deed, Note or other Security, Plate, Jewels or other Personal Effects, or to sell, transfer or pledge the Stock or Fund, or Share or Interest in the Stock or Fund to which such Security or Power of Attorney shall relate, shall sell, negotiate, transfer, assign, pledge, embezzle, secrete or in any manner

No. 2.
George III.
c. 63.

Persons subject to Punishment for Embezzlement of any Deed, or other Security for Money entrusted to their Care.

No. 2. apply to his or their own Use or Benefit, any such Debenture,
 52 George III. Bill, Warrant, Order, State Lottery Ticket or Certificate,
 c. 63. Seaman's Ticket, Bank Receipt, Bond, Deed, Note or other
 Security, as hereinbefore mentioned, Plate, Jewels or other
 Personal Effects, or the Stock or Fund, or Share or Interest in
 the Stock or Fund to which such Security or Power of Attorney
 shall relate, in violation of good Faith, and contrary to the
 special Purpose, for which the Things hereinbefore mentioned,
 or any or either of them, shall have been deposited, or shall
 have been or remained with or in the Hands of such Person or
 Persons, with Intent to defraud the Owner or Owners of any
 such Instrument or Security, or the Person or Persons deposit-
 ing the same, or the Owner or Owners of the Stock or Fund,
 Share or Interest, to which such Security or Power of Attorney
 shall relate, every Person so offending in any Part of the
 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall be deemed
 and taken to be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and, being thereof
 convicted according to Law, shall be sentenced to Transportation
 for any Term not exceeding fourteen Years, or to receive
 such other Punishment as may by Law be inflicted on a Person
 or Persons guilty of a Misdemeanor, and as the Court before
 which such Offender or Offenders may be tried and convicted
 shall adjudge.

‘If. And whereas it is usual for Persons having Dealings
 ‘with Bankers, Merchants, Brokers, Attornies and other
 ‘Agents, to deposit or place in the Hands of such Bankers,
 ‘Merchants, Brokers, Attornies and other Agents, Sums of
 ‘Money, Bills, Notes, Drafts, Cheques or Orders for the
 ‘Payment of Money, with Directions or Orders to invest the
 ‘Monies so paid, or to which such Bills, Notes, Drafts,
 ‘Cheques or Orders relate, or Part thereof, in the Purchase of
 ‘Stocks or Funds, or in or upon Government or other Securi-
 ‘ties for Money, or to apply and dispose thereof in other
 ‘Ways or for other Purposes; and it is expedient to prevent
 ‘Embezzlement and Malversation in such Cases also;’ Be it
 therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such
 Banker, Merchant, Broker, Attorney or other Agent, in whose
 Hands any Sum or Sums of Money, Bill, Note, Draft, Cheque
 or Order for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money shall
 be placed, with any Order or Orders in Writing, and signed
 by the Party or Parties who shall so deposit or place the same,
 to invest such Sum or Sums of Money or the Money to
 which such Bill, Note, Draft, Cheque or Order as afore-
 said shall relate, in the Purchase of any Stock or Fund, or in or
 upon Government or other Securities, or in any other way
 or for any other Purpose specified in such Order or Orders,
 shall in any manner apply to his or their own Use and Benefit,
 any such Sum or Sums of Money, or any such Bill, Note,
 Draft, Cheque or Order for the Payment of any Sum or Sums
 of Money as hereinbefore mentioned, in violation of good Faith
 and contrary to the special Purpose specified in the Direction
 or Order in Writing hereinbefore mentioned, with Intent to

For preventing
 Bankers and
 others, from
 disposing for
 their own Use
 of Property de-
 posited with
 them.

defraud the Owner or Owners of any such Sum or Sums of Money, or Order for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money; every Person so offending in any Part of the United Kingdom, shall in like manner be deemed and taken to be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall incur and suffer such Punishment as is herein-before mentioned. No. 2.
George III.
c. 63.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any of the Persons herein-before mentioned from receiving any Money which shall be or become actually due and payable upon or by virtue of any of the Instruments or Securities herein-before mentioned, according to the Tender and Effect thereof, in such manner as he or they might have done, if this Act had not been made. Act not to prevent Persons receiving Money due on Securities.

IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Penalty by this Act annexed to the Commission of any Offence intended to be guarded against by this Act, shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Partner or Partners, or other Person or Persons of or belonging to any Partnership, Society or Firm, except only such Partner or Partners Person or Persons, as shall actually commit or be accessory or privy to the Commission of such Offence; any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Not to extend to Partners not being privy to Offence.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, nor any Proceeding, Conviction or Judgment to be had or taken thereupon, shall hinder, prevent, lessen or impeach any Remedy at Law or in Equity, which any Party or Parties aggrieved by any Offence against this Act might or would have had, or have been entitled to if this Act had not been made, nor any Proceeding, Conviction or Judgment had been had or taken thereupon; but nevertheless the Conviction of any Offender against this Act shall not be received in Evidence in any Action at Law, or Suit in Equity, against such Offender; and further, that no Person shall be liable to be convicted by any Evidence whatever, as an Offender against this Act, in respect of any Act, Matter or Thing done by him, if he shall at any time previously to his being indicted for such Offence, have disclosed such Act, Matter or Thing on Oath, under or in consequence of any compulsory Process of any Court of Law or Equity, in any Action, Suit or Proceeding, in or to which he shall have been a Party, and which shall have been *bona fide* instituted by the Party aggrieved by the Act, Matter or Thing, which shall have been committed by such Offender aforesaid. Not to lessen any Remedy at Law or Equity regarding Party aggrieved.

VI. Provided always, and it is hereby expressly enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or affect any Person or Persons being a Trustee or Trustees in or under any Marriage Settlement, Will or other Deed or Instrument, or being a Mortgagee or Mortgagees of any Pro- Not to affect Trustees or Mortgagees.

No. 2. perty whatsoever, whether Real or Personal, in respect of
 52 George III. any Act or Acts done by any such Person or Persons in rela-
 c. 63. tion to the Property comprized in or affected by any such
 Trust or Mortgage as aforesaid.

Punishment of
 Persons offend-
 ing in Scotland.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Person who shall commit in *Scotland* any Offence against this Act, which by the Provisions thereof is constituted a Misdemeanor, shall be liable to be punished by Fine and Imprisonment, or by either of them, or by Transportation for any Term not exceeding fourteen Years, as the Judge or Judges before whom such Offender shall be tried and convicted may direct.

Act not to re-
 strain Bankers
 from disposing
 of Securities on
 which they
 have a Lien.

VIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to restrain any Banker, Merchant, Broker, Attorney or other Agent, from selling, negotiating, transferring or otherwise disposing of any Securities, Property or other Effects as aforesaid, in their Custody or Possession, upon which they shall have any Lien, Claim or Demand, which by Law entitles them to sell or dispose thereof, unless such Sale, Transfer or other Disposal shall extend to a greater Number or to a greater Part of such Securities, Property or other Effects as aforesaid than shall be requisite or necessary for the Purpose of paying or satisfying such Lien, Claim or Demand; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

PART V. CLASS X.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC STORES.

No. 1.

31 Elizabeth, c. 4.—An Act against the Imbezilling of Armour, Habillments of War and Victual.

[Inserted Class VII.]

No. 2.

22 Charles II. c. 5.—An Act for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from such as steal Cloth from the Rack, and from such as shall steal or imbezil his Majesty's Ammunition and Stores.

[Inserted Class II.]

No. 3.

9 and 10 William III. c. 41.—An Act for the better preventing the Imbezzlement of his Majesty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuses, in paying Seamen's Wages.

B.

‘ **W**HEREAS notwithstanding divers good Laws made and enacted, for the preventing of the stealing and Embezzlement of his Majesty's Stores of War, and Naval Stores, those Frauds, Thefts, and Embezzlements are frequently practised, and the convicting of such Offenders is rendered difficult and impracticable, by reason it rarely happens that direct Proof can be made of such Offender's immediate taking, embezzling, or carrying away any of his Majesty's said Stores of War and Naval Stores out of or from his Majesty's Store-houses, Docks, Yards, Ships, Ordnance, or other Places for keeping and preserving the same, but only that such Goods are marked with the King's Mark, and found in the Custody and Possession of the said Person

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William III.
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William III.
c. 41.

No warlike or
naval Stores,
except for the
King's Use,
shall be made
with the King's
Marks, &c.

Penalty.

Penalty on Per-
son in whose
Custody such
marked Stores
are found, &c.
By Geo. I.
c. 8 § 3 & 4,
the Penalty of

'accused for stealing or embezzling the same, to the great
'Encouragement of such wicked Offenders, and to his Majes-
'ty's and the Kingdom's great Damage : ' For preventing such
Embezzlements for the future, and for the more effectual
Execution of the Laws and Statutes already in force against
such Embezzlements and Thefts, be it therefore enacted by
the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and
Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons,
in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,
That from and after the four and twentieth Day of June, one
thousand six hundred ninety-eight, it shall not be lawful to or
for any Person or Persons whatsoever, other than Persons
authorized by contracting with his Majesty's principal Officers
or Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling
Office, for his Majesty's Use, to make any Stores of War or
Naval Stores whatsoever, with the Marks usually used to and
marked upon his Majesty's said Warlike and Naval or Ord-
nance Stores; that is to say, any Cordage of three Inches and
upwards, wrought with a white Thread laid the contrary Way,
or any smaller Cordage, to wit, from three Inches downwards,
with a Twine in lieu of a White Thread, laid to the contrary
Way as aforesaid, or any Canvas wrought or unwrought, with
a Blue Streak in the Middle, or any other Stores with the
Broad Arrow, by Stamp, Brand, or otherwise, upon Pain that
every such Person or Persons, who shall make such Goods so
marked as aforesaid, not being a Contractor with his Majesty's
principal Officers or Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or
Victuallers, for his Majesty's Use, or employed by such Con-
tractor for that Purpose as aforesaid, shall, for every such
Offence, forfeit such Goods, and the Sum of two hundred
Pounds, together with Costs of Suit; one Moiety whereof
shall be to his Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Informer,
to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Infor-
mation, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westmin-
ster*, wherein no *Essoin*, Privilege, Protection, Wager of
Law, Injunction, or Order of Restraint, nor more than one
Imparlance, shall be allowed.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That such Person or Persons, in whose Custody, Possession, or
Keeping, such Goods or Stores marked as aforesaid shall
be found, (1.) not being employed as aforesaid, and such Per-
son or Persons who shall conceal such Goods or Stores marked
as aforesaid, being indicted (2.) and convicted of such Con-

(1.) Under this Act it must be alledged, that the Goods were found in
the Custody, &c.; *R. v. Harman*, infra; *Cole's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 159.

(2.) In *Rex v. Harman*, 2 Lord Raym. 1104, it was objected—1. That
no Indictment lay upon this Act; but overruled, as the Forfeiture accrues by
Conviction in one Indictment. 2. That the Indictment, which alledged that
the Defendant, not being, &c. had in his Possession Stores, &c. *contra Formam
Statuti*, which were found in his Possession, was not sufficient, as the Offence
does not consist in having the Goods, but in their being found, to which the
Proceeding *contra Formam* did not apply; and the Indictment was on this Point
held to be bad.

cealment, or of the having such Goods found in his Custody, Possession, or Keeping, (3.) shall forfeit such Goods, and the Sum of two hundred Pounds, together with the Costs of Prosecution, one Moiety to his Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Informer, to be recovered as aforesaid, and shall also suffer Imprisonment until Payment and Performance of the said Forfeiture, unless such Person shall, upon his Trial, produce a Certificate under the Hand of three or more of his Majesty's principal Officers or Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victuallers, expressing the Numbers, Quantities or Weights of such Goods, as he or she shall then be indicted for, and the Occasion and Reason of such Goods coming to his or her Hands or Possession.

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this Act may be mitigated.

IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said principal Officers or Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling Office for the Time being, may sell and dispose of any of the Stores aforesaid, so marked as aforesaid, as they did or might have done before the making of this Act; and that such Person or Persons as heretofore have or shall hereafter buy any such Stores, or other Stores so marked as aforesaid, of the said principal Officers or Commanders, or by their Order, may keep and enjoy the same without incurring the Penalty of this Act, or any Law to the contrary whatsoever, upon producing a Certificate or Certificates under the Hand and Seal of three or more of the said principal Officers or Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling-office, that they bought such Goods from them the said principal Officers or Commissioners, or from such Person or Persons as did buy the said Stores from the said principal Officers or Commissioners, at any Time before such Stores were found in their Custody; in which Certificate or Certificates the Quantities of such Stores shall be expressed, and the Time when and where bought of the said Commissioners, who, or any three or more of them, for the Time being, are hereby impowered and directed, from Time to Time, to give to such Person or Persons, who shall desire the same, and have bought, and shall hereafter buy any of the aforesaid Stores, within thirty Days after the Sale and Delivery of the said Stores so sold, or to be sold as aforesaid.

Commissioners
of the Navy,
Ordnance, &c.
may sell any of
the said Stores,
so marked, &c.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to hinder any the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, or any Chief Commander of any of his Majesty's Ships at Sea, to lend any of his Majesty's Stores to any Merchant Ship or Vessel in Distress or otherwise, as might lawfully be done before the making of this Act, in case such Goods so lent be restored with all possible Conveniency; and

King's Stores
may be lent to
any Ship in
Distress, so
they be re-
stored.

(3.) A Widow, having in her Possession Canvas marked, made up into Table Linen, Sheeting, &c. and proved to have been brought into Family Use in the Life-time of her Husband, was ruled by Sir M. Foster not to incur the Penalty for such Possession: Foster, Appx. 429, Ed. 1792; E. P. C. ch. 16. § 153.

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provided such Person or Persons so borrowing the said Stores, from Time to Time have such Certificate as aforesaid, which the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, or Commander in Chief, are hereby required to give to the Party or Parties that shall so borrow the same. [This made a public Act by 1 Geo. 1. sess. 2. c. 25. § 14.]

No. 4.

1 George I. stat. 2. c. 25.—An Act to prevent Disturbances by Seamen, and others; and to preserve the Stores belonging to his Majesty's Navy Royal; and also for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Imbezilment of his Majesty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages; and for reviving and continuing an Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy.

No. 4.
1 George I.
st. 2. c. 25.

I. WHEREAS divers Fightings, Quarrellings and Disturbances, do often happen in and about his Majesty's Offices, Yards and Stores belonging to his Majesty's Royal Navy, and frequent Differences and Disorders are occasioned in and about the Office of his Majesty's Treasury of the Navy, on Pay-days in *London*, *Portsmouth*, and other Places of Meeting for the Service of the said Navy, by the unreasonable Turbulency of Seamen, and others, attending on or relating to that Service, or their Creditors, or by the Rudeness of the Officers intrusted with his Majesty's Stores on Land, or in his Royal Ships, when they are questioned by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of the said Navy, either for Neglect or Imbezilment of his Majesty's Provisions, Ammunition, or other Equipage of the Navy under their Charge, not only to the Disturbance of the Peace, but sometimes to the Danger and Hindrance of his Majesty's Service, both in point of husbanding his Majesty's Revenue, and also in the Dispatch of the Ships, on which the Honour and Safety of his Majesty and Kingdom so much depend, which Inconveniencies require a speedier Remedy than the ordinary Course of Justice; the Parties accused or offending being many Times bound to Sea, and the principal Officers and Commissioners, for want of Authority to suppress such Insolencies and Disorders, and hear, determine and punish such Offences, being necessitated to pass by many Offences in which his Majesty might be righted, if their necessary Attendance on that important Service would permit the Prosecution of the Offenders before other ordinary Judicatures: For Remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Treas-

Treasurer, &c.
of the Navy
impowered to
punish Disturbances in the
Yards, &c.

suror, Comptroller, Surveyor, Clerk of the Acts, and the Commissioners of the Navy for the Time being, or any one or more of them, shall, from and after the twenty-ninth Day of September next ensuing, have Power and Authority, by Warrant under any one or more of their Hands and Seals, to cause such Offenders to be apprehended and brought before him or them, and to examine and punish all such Person and Persons whom he or they, upon their Enquiry and Examination of Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath he or they are hereby empowered to administer) or upon Confession of the Party or Parties accused, or on View in his or their Presence, shall find to make or have made any such Disturbance, Fighting, or Quarrelling in any the Yards, Stores, Offices or Places aforesaid, at Pay-days, or on other Occasions relating to the Naval Services, in such Manner as followeth (that is to say) that they, or any one or more of them, may punish any the said Offences by Fine, Imprisonment, or either of them, the Fine not exceeding twenty Shillings, and Imprisonment not exceeding one Week; and have Power in such Cases to commit such Person to the next Gaol, or to the Custody of the Messenger or Messengers for the Time being attendant on them, who respectively are to receive and detain such Person so offending; and that the said principal Officers and Commissioners, or any one or more of them then present, have hereby Power and Authority to discharge such Fine or Imprisonment, if they think fit, and for Non-payment of the Fine so imposed and not remitted, to imprison the Party offending until Payment thereof, or otherwise to cause such Offender or Offenders to be sent to the next House of Correction to the Place where such Offence shall be committed, there to be kept at hard Labour for the Space of two Months, without Bail or Mainprize, which said Fines shall be paid to the Clerk of the Chest at Chatham for the Use of the maimed Seamen.

II. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Officers and Commissioners, or any one or more of them (in Cases where greater Example or Punishment is needful) may also bind the Person or Persons so offending, to their good Behaviour, and to answer the Offences whereof they shall be accused, at the next Assizes or General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace for the County or Place where such Offence shall be committed, with or without Sureties, as Occasion shall be; and in default of such Securities, where the same shall be required, to commit the Person or Persons offending, as aforesaid, to the common Gaol of the County or Place where such Offence shall be committed, in order to their being prosecuted for such Offence or Offences at the next Assizes or General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace for such County or Place.

III. And whereas divers of his Majesty's Stores and Ammunition, pertaining to his Navy and Shipping, or Service thereof, are often privately imbezilled or filched away: For the more effectual Discovery of such Stores and Ammunition, The said Off-

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st. 2. c. 25.

And may bind
the Offenders to
good Behaviour,
&c.

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cers impowered
to enquire of the
Imbezilment of
Naval Stores,
and punish the
Offenders.

It is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, or any one or more of them, shall have hereby Power to enquire, and by Warrant under his or their Hands and Seals, to empower any Person or Persons to search for the same in all Places, in like Manner as Justices of Peace may do in case of Felony, and punish the Offenders by such Fine and Imprisonment, as aforesaid, the Value of the Goods so imbezilled or filched away, not exceeding the Sum of twenty Shillings, and cause the Goods to be brought in again; and if the Offence be of such Nature as doth require an higher and severer Punishment, then that they, any one or more of them, may commit such Offender to the next Gaol, or to the Custody of their Messenger or Messengers aforesaid, till he or they offending enter into Recognizance with Surety or Sureties, according to the Nature of the Offence, to appear and answer to the same in his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, or other Court where his Majesty shall question him or them for the same, within one Year following, on Process duly served for that Purpose on such Offender or Offenders.

IV. And whereas divers ill-disposed Persons, upon Pre-
tence of carrying his Majesty's Naval Goods, Provisions,
Victuals, Stores and Ammunition from his Majesty's Yards,
Wharfs, Storehouses, or other Places, to his Majesty's Ship
or Ships, or to such Ship or Ships as are employed in his Ma-
jesty's Service, or such Persons as are employed to recarry
or remove from the said Ship or Ships such Naval Stores,
Goods, Provisions, Victuals, Stores and Ammunition, to
such his Majesty's Yards, Wharfs, Storehouses, or other
Places, do frequently imbezil, take and carry them away,
where they cannot be found, and remove themselves to
Places unknown, before they can be apprehended or convict-
ed by due Process of Law, by reason that those Witnesses
that should prove the said Facts are bound forth to Sea or
otherwise employed elsewhere, and it is found necessary that
Justice be more speedily done in such Cases, than by ordi-
nary Course of Law it can be: Be it therefore enacted by
the Authority aforesaid, That the Treasurer, Comptroller, Sur-
veyor, Clerk of the Acts, and Commissioners of the Navy,
for the Time being, or any one or more of them, where
the Goods so imbezilled, taken or carried away, shall be un-
der the Value of twenty Shillings, shall have full Power and
Authority, upon the Oath of one or more Witnesses (which
they or any of them have hereby Power to administer) or
Confession of such Party so offending as aforesaid, or other
legal Proof thereof, to convict the Party or Parties so offend-
ing, by Writing under his or any of their Hands and Seals,
and to impose such Fine or Fines upon all or every such Per-
son or Persons so offending and convicted, as aforesaid, as to
the said Treasurer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Clerk of the Acts,
and the Commissioners of the Navy, for the Time being, or
any one or more of them, shall in his or their Discretion seem

When the Goods imbezzled are under the Value of 20s. Offender shall be fined.

meet; the said Fine or Fines not exceeding double the Value of the Naval Goods, Provisions, Victuals, Stores or Ammunition so imbezled or carried away; which Fine or Fines shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Offender, by virtue of the Warrant of such Officer or Officers who shall so convict the said Offender, directed in Manner aforesaid, to the Person or Persons aforesaid, returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner of such Goods; or in case no sufficient Distress can be found, as aforesaid, the Party or Parties so offending shall, by virtue of the Warrant of such Officer before whom such Person or Persons shall be convicted, be imprisoned in the next Gaol for any Space of Time not exceeding three Months, without Bail or Mainprize.

No. 4.

1 George I.
st. 2. c. 25.Fine to be levied
by Distress, and
for want thereof
Imprisonment
for 3 Months.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Treasurer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Clerk of the Acts and Commissioners of the Navy for the Time being, or any one or more of them, upon Oath of one or more credible Witnesses (which he and they have hereby Power to administer) testifying, That his Majesty's Naval Goods, Stores, Ammunition, or Naval Provisions, or any Part thereof, are conveyed into any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, and mentioning the Name of such Ship or Vessel being at Anchor, and not ready to sail that Tide, within any of the Roads, Harbours, Creeks, or Rivers, within his Majesty's Dominions, or any Person or Persons by their or one of their Warrant or Warrants (in which Warrant or Warrants the Quantity or Quality of such Goods shall be specified) thereunto authorized and appointed in the Day-time, shall have full Power and Authority to go on board any such Ship or Vessel whatsoever, being within any of the Places aforesaid; and in case Resistance or Refusal be made upon Demand, to enter and break open the Hatches and Cabins, or other Places of such Ship or Vessel, and search therein for any such Naval Goods, Stores, Ammunition or Provisions belonging to his Majesty's Navy, which have been imbezilled, purloined and taken away; and the same to seize, take and carry away to any of his Majesty's Yards or Storehouses, to be applied to his Majesty's Use, unless the said Officers and Commissioners, upon hearing the Matter, shall find they were unduly seized, and thereupon restore them to the Party claiming the same, which they are hereby empowered to do.

Naval Stores
imbezilled and
put on Ship-
board shall be
seized by War-
rant of the said
Treasurer, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person or Persons who shall counterfeit the Hands of the Treasurer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Clerk of the Acts, or of the Commissioners of the Navy, or any of them, or the Hand or Hands of the signing or vouching Officers of his Majesty's Navy, Ships or Yards, or the Hand or Hands of any one or more of them, to any Bill, Ticket, or other Papers, by virtue whereof his Majesty's Naval Treasure is or may be paid or disposed of, or shall knowingly produce any such counterfeit Ticket, Bill, or other Paper, every such Person or Persons so offending, shall or may be lawfully committed to Prison by the

Punishment of
counterfeiting
the Hand of the
Treasurer, &c.

No. 4.
1 George I.
st. 1. c. 25.

said Officers or Commissioners, or any one of them, until he shall find Surety to appear at the next General Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, Town or Place where such Offender shall be so committed to Prison, to be there proceeded against according to Law.

[IX. Admiralty, &c. may administer Oaths in Cases relating to the receiving, &c. his Majesty's Treasure, &c.]

Treasurer of
the Navy, &c.
may execute
Powers hereby
given.

X. And it is hereby further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Treasurer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Clerk of the Acts, and the Commissioners of the Navy, for the Time being, or any one or more of them, may execute all and every the Powers hereby, or by any other Law given them, or any one of them, on all and every the Offenders aforesaid, in all Places as well within Liberties as without; any Law, Statute, Ordinance, Charter, or Privilege to the contrary notwithstanding.

[XI. Act shall not repeal, &c. 22 Car. 2. c. 5.]

[XII. Admiralty may execute this Act.]

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons who shall be punished by virtue of this Act, shall be punished by force of any other Law for the same Offence.

[XIV. This and 9 and 10 W. 3. c. 41. Public Acts.]

Convictions
final.

XV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Convictions and Judgments which shall be had, made or given in pursuance of this Act, shall be final, and not subject to any Appeal or Certiorari, nor be removed, superseded or suspended thereby, or by any of them; any Law, Statute, or Provision to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

[XVI. General Issue.—Double Costs.]

Duration of
this Act.

XVIII. Provided, That this Act shall be in Force for five Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament, after the Expiration of the said five Years, and no longer. [Made perpetual by 9 Geo. 1. c. 8. §. 3.]

No. 5.

D.

9 George I. c. 8.—An Act for continuing some Laws, and reviving others therein mentioned, * * * * * and relating to the Payment of Seamen's Wages, and the Prohibition of Naval Stores and Stores of War; and for other Purposes.

No. 5.
9 George I.
c. 8.
1 Geo. I. st. 2.
c. 25.

III. **A**ND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That an Act made in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to prevent Disturbances by Seamen and others, and to preserve the Stores belonging to his Majesty's Navy Royal, and also for explaining an Act for

the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages, and for reviving and continuing an Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy," as to so much thereof as is expired, shall be, and is hereby revived from the five and twentieth Day of *March*, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-three, and made perpetual: ' And whereas by an Act made in the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, " An Act for the better preventing the Imbezzlement of his Majesty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages," a Penalty of two hundred Pounds, with Costs of Prosecution and Pain of Imprisonment, is inflicted upon Persons having in their Custody, Possession or Keeping, or concealing contrary to the said Act, any Warlike, Naval or Ordnance Stores therein mentioned, or any other Stores marked with the Broad Arrow, by Stamp, Brand, or otherwise: And whereas it is necessary to give Power to mitigate the said Penalties, and to explain and amend the said Act: Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, after the five and twentieth Day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and twenty-three, be lawfully convicted of having in his, her, or their Custody, any Timber, Thick Stuff or Plank, marked with the Broad Arrow, by Stamp, Brand, or otherwise, or of concealing any Timber, Thick Stuff or Plank so marked, every such Person so offending, shall suffer, forfeit and pay, as for having, keeping or concealing any other Warlike, Naval or Ordnance Stores contrary to the said Act.

No. 5.
9 George I.
c. 8.

9 and 10 W. 3.
c. 41.

IV. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Judge, Justice or Justices, before whom any Offender or Offenders shall be convicted of any of the Crimes or Offences before recited, enacted or mentioned in this Act, to mitigate the Penalty for the same, as he or they shall see Cause, and to commit the Offender or Offenders so convicted, to the Common Gaol of the County or Place where the Offence shall be committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until Payment be made of the Penalty and Forfeiture imposed by this or the said former Act, or mitigated as aforesaid, or to punish such Offender or Offenders corporally, by causing him, her, or them to be publicly whipped, or committed to some Publick Workhouse, there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of six Months, or a less Time, as to such Judge, Justice or Justices, in his or their Discretion shall seem meet; any Thing in the said recited Act, or in any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

V. And be it further enacted, That where any Dispute shall arise between the Persons, upon whose Informations or Oaths, any Person or Persons offending in the Premises, or against the said former Act, shall be prosecuted and convicted, touching any Right or Title to any of the Forfeitures or Penal-

No. 5. ties before-mentioned, or any Part thereof, the Judge, Justice
9 George I. or Justices before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be
c. 8. convicted, shall examine the Matter and finally determine the
same.

No. 6.

B. 17 George II. c. 40.—An Act to continue the several
Laws therein mentioned, * * * * *
and to explain two Acts relating to the Prostitution of Offenders
for embezzling Naval Stores, or Stores of War; and for
other Purposes.

No. 6. 'X. A ND whereas by an Act made in the ninth and tenth
17 George II. Years of the Reign of King William the Third, in-
c. 40. titled, "An Act for the better preventing the Imbezzele-
9 and to W. 3. ment of his Majesty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats,
c. 41. Frauds, and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages;" It is enact-
'ed, That from and after the four and twentieth Day of June
'one thousand six hundred ninety-eight, it shall not be lawful
'to or for any Person or Persons whatsoever, other than Per-
'sons authorized by contracting with his Majesty's principal
'Officers or Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victual-
'ling Office, for his Majesty's Use, to mark any Stores of War,
'or Naval Stores whatsoever, with the Marks usually used to,
'and marked upon his Majesty's said Warlike and Naval or
'Ordnance Stores (in the Manner as in the said Act is describ-
'ed), or any other Stores, with the Broad Arrow, by Stamp,
'Brand, or otherwise; upon Pain that every such Person or
'Persons who shall make such Goods so marked, as in the
'said Act mentioned, not being a Contractor with his Majes-
'ty's Principal Officers, or Commissioners of the Navy, Ord-
'nance, or Victualling, for his Majesty's Use, or employed by
'such Contractors for that Purpose as aforesaid, shall for every
'such Offence forfeit such Goods, and the Sum of two hundred
'Pounds, together with Costs of Suit; one Moiety whereof
'shall be to his Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Informer,
'to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Informa-
'tion, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westmin-
'ster, wherein no Essoin, Privilege, Protection, Wager of
'Law, Injunction, or Order of Restraint, nor more than one
'Imparlance shall be allowed: And it is thereby further en-
'acted, That such Person or Persons in whose Custody, Pos-
'session, or Keeping, such Goods or Stores marked as afore-
'said, shall be found, not being employed as aforesaid; and
'such Person or Persons who shall conceal such Goods or
'Stores marked as aforesaid, being indicted and convicted of
'such Concealment, or of the having such Goods found in the
'Custody, Possession, or Keeping, shall forfeit such Goods,
'and the Sum of two hundred Pounds, together with the Costs

' of Prosecution, one Moiety to his Majesty, and the other No. 6.
 ' Moiety to the Informer, to be recovered as aforesaid; and 17 George II.
 ' shall also suffer Imprisonment, until Payment and Performance c. 40.
 ' of the Forfeiture, unless such Person shall, upon his Trial,
 ' produce a Certificate, under the Hands of three or more of
 ' his Majesty's principal Officers, or Commissioners of the
 ' Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, expressing the Numbers,
 ' Quantities, or Weights of such Goods, as he or she shall then
 ' be indicted for, and the Occasion and Reason of such Goods
 ' coming to his or her Hands or Possession: And whereas
 ' by another Act made in the ninth Year of the Reign of his
 ' late Majesty King George the First, intituled, "An Act for 9 Geo. 1. c. 8.
 ' continuing some Laws, and reviving others, therein men-
 ' tioned, for exempting Apothecaries from serving Parish and
 ' Ward Offices, and upon Juries, and relating to Jurors, and
 ' to the Payment of Seamen's Wages, and the Preservation of
 ' Naval Stores, and Stores of War, and concerning the Militia
 ' and Trophy Money, and against clandestine Running of un-
 ' customed Goods, and for more effectual preventing Frauds
 ' relating to the Customs, and Frauds in mixing Silk with Stuffs
 ' to be exported;" the aforesaid Act of King William is
 ' recited, and a Penalty of two hundred Pounds, with Costs
 ' of Prosecution, and Pain of Imprisonment, is inflicted upon
 ' Persons having in their Custody, Possession, or Keeping, or
 ' concealing, contrary to the said Act, any Warlike, Naval, or
 ' Ordnance Stores therein mentioned, or any other Stores
 ' marked with the Broad Arrow, by Stamp, Brand, or other-
 ' wise: And whereas it was necessary to give Power to miti-
 ' gate the said Penalties, and to explain and amend the said
 ' Act, it is thereby enacted, That if any Person or Persons
 ' shall, after the five and twentieth Day of March one thou-
 ' sand seven hundred and twenty-three, be lawfully convicted
 ' of having in his, her, or their Custody, any Timber, thick
 ' Stuff, or Plank so marked; every such Person so offending
 ' shall suffer, forfeit, and pay as for having, keeping, or con-
 ' cealing any other Warlike, Naval, or Ordnance Stores,
 ' contrary to the said Act: And it is thereby provided and
 ' enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for any Judge, Justice,
 ' or Justices, before whom any Offender or Offenders shall be
 ' convicted of any of the Crimes or Offences before recited,
 ' enacted, or mentioned in the said Act, to mitigate the Penal-
 ' ty for the same, as he or they shall see Cause, and to commit
 ' the Offender or Offenders so convicted to the Common Gaol
 ' of the County or Place where the Offence shall be commit-
 ' ted, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until Pay-
 ' ment be made of the Penalty and Forfeiture imposed by that
 ' or the said former Act, or mitigated as aforesaid; or to
 ' punish such Offender or Offenders corporally, by causing
 ' him, her, or them to be publickly whipped, or committed to
 ' some publick Workhouse, there to be kept to hard Labour for
 ' the Space of six Months, or a less Time, as to such Judge,
 ' Justice or Justices in his or their Discretion shall seem meet;

No. 6.
17 George II.
c. 40.

Justices of Assize, or Quarter Sessions, may try Offences relating to the Stores, &c.

‘any Thing in the said recited Act; or in any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding: And it is thereby further enacted, That where any Disputes shall arise between the Persons upon whose Informations or Oaths any Person or Persons offending in the Premises, or against the said former Act, shall be prosecuted and convicted touching any Right or Title to any of the Forfeitures or Penalties before mentioned, or any Part thereof; the Judge, Justice or Justices, before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, shall examine the Matter, and finally determine the same; and whereas some Doubts have arisen touching the Method of Trial and Punishment of Offenders against the said recited Acts, whether as the said Acts are worded, such Offender or Offenders may be indicted and tried for the Crimes and Offences in the said Acts mentioned, and whether any Judge, Justice or Justices of Assize, or Justices of Peace at the Sessions may hear, try and determine the same, and on Conviction set such Fine, or mitigate the same, and the Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by the aforesaid Acts, on such Offender or Offenders, as the Nature of the Offences may deserve; or whether such Offenders as aforesaid, in order for recovering the said Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by the said Act, can only be proceeded against by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in some of his Majesty’s Courts of Record at *Westminster*; by reason of which Doubts, it has so happened, that Offenders against the said recited Acts, having been indicted for the same, have escaped unpunished, to the great Encouragement of such Offenders and others, to commit the like Crimes and Offences for the future;’ For the remedying whereof, and for the explaining the Acts above mentioned, it is hereby declared and enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Judge, Justice or Justices at the Assizes, or Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter-Sessions to be holden for any County, City, Borough or Town Corporate, to hear, try and determine, by Indictment or otherwise, all or any the Crimes or Offences mentioned in the said recited Acts; and that the said Judge, Justice or Justices of Assize, or Justices of Peace as aforesaid, before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be indicted, or tried and convicted of all or any the Crimes or Offences in the said recited Acts mentioned, may impose any Fine, not exceeding the Sum of two hundred Pounds, on such Offender or Offenders; one Moiety to be paid to his Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Informer; and may mitigate the said Penalty and Forfeitures, inflicted by the said recited Acts, or either of them, and to commit the Offender or Offenders so convicted and fined, to the Common Gaol of the County or Place where the Offence shall be committed; there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until Payment be made of the Penalty and Forfeitures imposed by this or the said former Acts, or mitigated as aforesaid; or in lieu thereof, to punish such Offender or Offenders in the Premises corporally, by causing

him, her, or them to be publickly whipped, and committed to some House of Correction, or publick Workhouse, there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of three Months, or less Time, as to such Judge, Justice or Justices of Assize, or Justices of the Peace, shall in his or their Discretion seem meet; any Thing in the said recited Acts, or in any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 6.
17 George II.
c. 40.

No. 7.

39 and 40 George III. c. 89.—An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Naval, Ordnance, and Victualling Stores.—[28th. July 1800.]

B.

• **W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the twenty-second Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, "An Act for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from such as steal Cloth from the Rack, and from such as shall steal or embezzle his Majesty's Ammunition and Stores," it is amongst other Things enacted, That no Person or Persons who shall feloniously steal or embezzle any of his Majesty's Sails, Cordage, or any other of his Majesty's Naval Stores, to the Value of twenty Shillings, and be thereupon found guilty in Manner therein mentioned, shall be admitted to have the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer Death in such Manner and Form as they should if they were no Clerks: And whereas by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled, "An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages," a Penalty of two hundred Pounds, with Costs of Prosecution, is inflicted upon Persons in whose Custody, Possession, or Keeping, shall be found, or who shall conceal contrary to the said Act any Warlike, Naval, or Ordnance Stores, marked in such Manner as therein mentioned: And whereas by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the ninth Year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled, "An Act for continuing some Laws and reviving others therein mentioned, for exempting Apothecaries from serving Parish and Ward Offices and upon Juries, and relating to Jurors, and to the Payment of Seamen's Wages, and the Preservation of Naval Stores and Stores of War, and concerning the Militia and Trophy Money, and against clandestine Running of Uncustomed Goods, and for the more effectual preventing Frauds relating to the Customs, and Frauds in mixing Silks with Stuffs to be exported," it is enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be lawfully convicted of having in his, her,

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George III.
c. 89.

22 Car. 2: c. 5.

9 & 10 Gul. 3.
c. 41.

9 Geo. 1. c. 5.
and

No. 7.
39 and 40
George III.
c. 89.

17 Geo. 2. c.
40. § 10. re-
cited,

or their Custody, or of concealing, any Timber, Thick Stuff, or Plank, marked with the Broad Arrow, by Stamp, Brand, or otherwise, every such Person shall suffer, forfeit, and pay as for having, keeping, or concealing any other Warlike, Naval, or Ordnance Stores, contrary to the said Act of the ninth and tenth Years of King *William* the Third; and by the said last recited Act Power is given to the Judge, Justice or Justices before whom any Offender shall be convicted of any of the Crimes or Offences before recited, to mitigate the Penalty for the same as he or they shall see Cause, or to punish such Offence corporally; by causing him, her, or them to be publicly whipt or committed to some Publick Work-house, there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of six Months, or a less Time, as to such Judge, Justice or Justices, in his or their Discretion shall seem meet: And whereas by another Act of Parliament, made and passed in the seventeenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled, "An Act to continue the several Laws therein mentioned, for preventing Theft and Rapine on the Northern Borders of *England*, for the more effectual punishing wicked and evil-disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violences to the Persons and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice; for continuing two Clauses to prevent the cutting or breaking down the Bank of any River or Sea Bank; and to prevent the malicious cutting of Hop Binds, and for the more effectual Punishment of Persons maliciously setting on Fire any Mine, Pit, or Delph of Coal or Cannel Coal; and of Persons unlawfully hunting, or taking any Red or Fallow Deer in Forests or Chases, or beating or wounding the Keepers or other Officers in Forests, Chases, or Parks; and for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any of his Majesty's Sugar Colonies in *America*, from the said Colonies directly to foreign Parts in Ships built in *Great Britain*, and navigated according to Law; and to explain two Acts relating to the Prosecution of Offenders for embezzling Naval Stores or Stores of War; and to prevent the retailing of Wine within either of the Universities in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, without Licence;" it is amongst other Things declared and enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Judge, Justice or Justices at the Assizes, or Justices of the Peace at General Quarter Sessions to be holden as therein mentioned, to hear, try, and determine, by Indictment or otherwise, all or any of the Crimes or Offences mentioned in the therein and herein recited Acts of the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, and the ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First; and that the said Judge, Justice or Justices of Assize, or Justices of the Peace, may impose any Fine not exceeding the Sum of two hundred Pounds on such Offender or Offenders, and may mitigate the said Penalty and Forfeitures inflicted by the

' said recited Acts or either of them, or in lieu thereof punish
 ' such Offender or Offenders in the Premises corporally, by
 ' causing him, her, or them to be publickly whipt and com-
 ' mitted to some House of Correction or publick Workhouse,
 ' there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of three Months,
 ' or less Time, as to such Judge, Justice or Justices of As-
 ' size, or Justices of the Peace, shall in his or their Discretion
 ' seem meet: And whereas notwithstanding the Penalties and
 ' Punishments inflicted by the said recited Acts, the Stealers,
 ' Embezzlers, and Receivers of his Majesty's Warlike and
 ' Naval Ordnance and Victualling Stores have greatly increas-
 ' ed, so that it has become necessary to make some further and
 ' more effectual Provision for preventing their wicked Practices
 ' in future: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most excel-
 ' lent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the
 ' Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present
 ' Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,
 ' That, from and after the passing of this Act, every Person or
 ' Persons (such Person or Persons not being a Contractor or
 ' Contractors, or employed as in the said recited Act of the ninth
 ' and tenth Years of the Reign of King *William the Third* is
 ' mentioned,) who shall willingly or knowingly sell or deliver,
 ' or cause or procure to be sold or delivered, to any Person or
 ' Persons whomsoever, or who shall willingly or knowingly
 ' receive or have in his, her, or their Custody, Possession, or
 ' Keeping, any Stores of War, or Naval, Ordnance, or Victual-
 ' ling Stores, or any Goods whatsoever marked as in the said
 ' recited Acts are expressed, or any Canvas marked either with
 ' a blue Streak in the Middle, or with a blue Streak in a serpen-
 ' tine Form, or any Bewper, otherwise called *Buntin*, wrought
 ' with one or more Streaks of raised Tape (the said Stores of
 ' War, or Naval, Ordnance, or Victualling Stores or Goods
 ' above mentioned, or any of them, being in a raw or uncon-
 ' verted State, or being new or not more than one third worn),
 ' and such Person or Persons who shall conceal such Stores or
 ' Goods, or any of them, marked as aforesaid, shall be deemed
 ' Receivers of Stolen Goods knowing them to have been stolen,
 ' and shall, on being convicted thereof in due Form of Law, be
 ' transported beyond the Seas for the Term of fourteen Years,
 ' in like Manner as other Receivers of Stolen Goods are direct-
 ' ed to be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm,
 ' unless such Person or Persons shall upon his, her, or their
 ' Trial, produce a Certificate under the Hands of three or more
 ' of his Majesty's principal Officers or Commissioners of the
 ' Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, expressing the Numbers,
 ' Quantities, or Weights of such Stores or Goods, as he, she, or
 ' they shall then be indicted for, and the Occasion and Reason
 ' of such Stores or Goods coming to his, her, or their Hands or
 ' Possession.

No. 7.
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 George III.
 c. 89.

Every Person
 (not being a
 Contractor,
 &c.) who shall
 sell or receive
 any new Stores
 of War, &c. or
 who shall con-
 ceal them, shall
 be deemed Re-
 ceivers of Stolen
 Goods, and as
 such transported
 for 14 Years,
 unless he pro-
 duces on the
 Trial a Certifi-
 cate from the
 Navy Board,
 &c.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, Persons in
 That such Person or Persons (not being a Contractor or Contrac- whose Custody
 tors, or employed as aforesaid), in whose Custody, Possession, shall be found

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Canvas or Buntin marked as herein mentioned (not being charged to be new, or not more than one third worn) and Persons who shall be convicted of any Offence contrary to so much of the recited Act of 9 and 10 Gul. 3. as relates to warlike Stores, shall, besides the Forfeiture thereby imposed, suffer corporal Punishment. Penalty of 200l. may be mitigated.

Nothing herein or in recited Act of 9 and 10 Gul. 3. shall exempt Contractors, &c. except so far as concern Stores which shall not have been before delivered into his Majesty's Store, unless they have been sold or returned by the Commissioners.

If any Person shall deface any Mark denoting the Property of his Majesty in any Stores, or shall employ any Person so to do, he shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and transported for 14 Years.

or Keeping any of the said Stores called *Canvas*, marked with a blue Streak in a serpentine Form, or *Bewper*, otherwise called *Buntin*, wrought as above-mentioned, shall be found, (such *Canvas* or *Bewper*, otherwise called *Buntin*, not being charged to be new, or not more than one-third worn), and all and every Person and Persons who shall be convicted of any Offence contrary to so much of the said recited Act of the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, as relates to the making, or the having in possession or concealing any of his Majesty's Warlike, or Naval, or Ordnance Stores, marked as therein specified, shall, besides forfeiting such Stores, and the Sum of two hundred Pounds, together with costs of Suit as therein mentioned, be corporally punished by Pillory, Whipping, and Imprisonment, or by any or either of the said Ways and Means in such Manner and for such Space of Time as to the Judge or Justices before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, shall seem meet; any thing in the said last mentioned Act, or in the before-recited Acts of the ninth Year of King *George* the first, and the seventeenth year of King *George* the Second, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Judge or Justices to mitigate the said Penalty of two hundred Pounds, as he or they shall see Cause.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act or in the said recited Act of the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, contained, shall extend, or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend to exempt from the Operation of this Act, or the said recited Act respectively, any Person or Persons being a Contractor or Contractors, or employed as in the said last mentioned Act is mentioned, except only so far as concerns Stores or Goods marked as aforesaid, which shall be *bona fide* provided, made up, or manufactured by such Person or Persons, or by their Order, and which shall not have been before delivered into his Majesty's Store, unless having been so delivered, they shall have been sold or returned to such Person or Persons by the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling respectively.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, wilfully and fraudulently destroy, beat out, take out, cut out, deface, obliterate, or erase, wholly or in Part, any of the Marks in the said Act of the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, or in this Act mentioned, or any other Mark whatsoever, denoting the Property of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in or to any Warlike or Naval, Ordnance or Victualling Stores, or cause, procure, employ, or direct any other Person or Persons so to do, for the Purpose of concealing his Majesty's Property in such Stores, such Person or Persons shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall, on being convicted thereof, be transported to Parts beyond the Seas for the Term of fourteen Years, in like Manner

as other Felons are directed to be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons who shall hereafter be convicted of any Offence contrary to this Act, for which he shall not have been transported beyond the Seas, or contrary to the said recited Act of the ninth and tenth Years of King William the Third, shall be guilty of a second Offence, either contrary to that Act or to this present Act, which would not otherwise, as the first Offence, subject him, her, or them to Transportation, and shall be thereof legally convicted, such Person or Persons shall, by Judgment of the Court wherein he, she, or they shall be so convicted, be transported to Parts beyond the Seas for the Term of fourteen Years, in like Manner as other Offenders may be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm now in force.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons transported in pursuance of this Act shall return into any Part of Great Britain or Ireland before the End or Expiration of the Term for which he or she shall have been so transported, every such Person or Persons so returning shall suffer as Felons, and shall have Execution awarded against him, her, or them, as Persons attainted of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Court before whom any Offender or Offenders shall be indicted and convicted of all or any of the Crimes or Offences herein before mentioned to be punishable with Transportation, to mitigate or commute such Punishment, by causing the Offender or Offenders to be set on the Pillory, publicly whipt, fined or imprisoned, or by all or any one or more of the said Ways and Means, as such Court in its Discretion shall think fit; one Moiety of which Fine (if any imposed) shall be to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to the Informer, and also to order such Offender or Offenders to be imprisoned until such Fine be paid; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

[VIII. If any Person shall discover to the Navy Board, &c. or apprehend any Offender guilty of stealing or embezzling his Majesty's Stores, or of any Offence against recited Act of 9 and 10 Gul. 3. or this Act, which shall not be prosecuted in a summary Way, he shall, on Conviction, receive a Reward of £20, over his Share of Penalty, if not more than that Sum.]

[IX. If any Dispute shall arise respecting the Title to such Reward, it shall be determined by any of the Commissioners of the Navy, &c.]

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, as the Case may require, shall cause the said Reward of twenty Pounds to be paid by the Treasurer of the Navy or Ordnance respectively for the Time being, out of any Publick Money in his Hands, upon producing

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If any Person convicted of any Offence contrary to this Act, for which he shall not have been transported, or contrary to the recited Act of 9 and 10 Gul. 3. shall be convicted of a second Offence, which would not, as the first, subject him to Transportation, he shall be transported for 14 years.

Persons returning from Transportation under this Act shall suffer as Felons without Benefit of Clergy.

The Court may mitigate the Punishment of Transportation by Pillory, Whipping, Fine, or Imprisonment; Application of Fines, one Half to the Informer, and one Half to the King.

Reward shall be paid on Certificate from the Officer of the Court where the Offender shall be tried, for which he may charge 5s.

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to them a Certificate, under the Hand of the Clerk of Assize, or his Deputy, or other proper Officer of the Court before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be tried, certifying the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, and that the Offender's Share of any Penalty or Fine inflicted upon such Offender or Offenders doth not amount to more than the Sum of twenty Pounds, or if amounting to more, hath failed to be paid by such Offender or Offenders for the Space of three Months next after his or their Conviction; unless such Offender or Offenders shall then be detained in pursuance of any Sentence of Imprisonment, and then for the Space of three Months next after the Expiration of such Sentence; which Certificate the said Clerk of Assize, or other proper Officer is hereby required to give, and for which he shall charge the Sum of five Shillings, and no more; and the Money paid by any such Treasurer on account of such Rewards, shall be allowed in his Accounts, and he shall be discharged thereof accordingly; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Any Commissioner of the Navy, &c. or any Justice of the Peace may grant Warrants for searching Houses, &c. where Oath is made that there is Reason to suspect Stores belonging to his Majesty are concealed. If the Stores or Goods (marked as herein-before, or in the recited Act of 9 and 10 Gul. 3. mentioned) shall be found, the Offender shall be dealt with according to Law; and if upon such Search or any Seizure of Stores or Goods marked as aforesaid, any not marked shall be found suspected to belong to his Majesty, and the Party shall not give a satisfactory Account thereof, they shall be forfeited, and he shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor.

XI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Commissioner of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, for the Time being, (who, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, is hereby authorized to act in every Respect as if he had been named as a Justice of the Peace in the Commission of the Peace for the County, City, Division, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place in which he shall be resident, or into which his Warrant shall be issued,) or any Justice of the Peace for any County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place, within this Kingdom, upon the Oath of one or more credible Person or Persons, that there is Reason or Cause to suspect that any Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling Stores or Goods belonging to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, are concealed in any Dwelling House, Warehouse, Workshop, Outhouse, Yard, Garden or other Place, or on board any Ship, Vessel, Barge, Boat, or other Craft, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause every such Dwelling House, Warehouse, Workshop, Outhouse, Yard, Garden, or Place, Ship, Vessel, Barge, Boat, or other Craft, in whatsoever County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place, the same or any of them shall be, (in case such Warrant shall be granted by a Commissioner as aforesaid,) to be searched in the Day Time, by any Police Officer, Constable, Headborough, or other Peace Officer, either of the County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place in which the Premises, Ship, Vessel, Barge, Boat, or other Craft shall be, or in which the Commissioner granting such Warrant (if granted by a Commissioner) shall then reside; and in case any Stores or Goods marked as herein-before or in the said recited Act of the ninth and tenth Years of King William the Third is mentioned, shall upon such Search be found, to cause the same, and the Offender or Offenders, to be brought before such Commissioner or Justice of

the Peace, who is hereby required to commit or bind over, or otherwise to deal with such Offender or Offenders according to Law, for such his or their Offence; and that in case, upon any such Search, or upon any Seizure whatsoever of Stores or Goods, marked as aforesaid, any Naval, Ordnance or Victualling Stores, not so marked as aforesaid, shall be found, which may reasonably be suspected to belong to his Majesty, the Party or Parties in whose Possession or Keeping the same shall be found, shall be required to give to the Commissioner or Justice of the Peace respectively before whom the said Stores or Goods shall and may be brought, an Account to the Satisfaction of such Commissioner or Justice, that the same were not embezzled or stolen from any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels, Yards, Storehouses, or other Places, or that if the same were embezzled or stolen, the same had come to the Possession of the said Party or Parties honestly, and without any Knowledge or Suspicion that the same had been embezzled or stolen; on Failure whereof by a reasonable Time to be set by such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace, the said Stores or Goods shall thereupon become forfeited, and such Party or Parties shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor.

XII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons deputed or appointed by the principal Officers or Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, or any three of them respectively, at any Time or Times from and after the passing of this Act, to stop, search, and detain in some Place of Safety, any Barge, Boat, or other Craft, which there shall be Reason to suspect doth contain any Naval, Ordnance, or Victualling Stores, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, Arms, Ammunition, Materials, and Things stolen, embezzled, or unlawfully procured from or out of any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels, Yards, Storehouses, or other Places, and also to apprehend and detain, or cause to be apprehended and detained, any Person or Persons who may be reasonably suspected of having or conveying any such Stores or other Things in such Barge, Boat, or Craft, and such Person or Persons so apprehended shall be (as soon as conveniently may be) conveyed before any Commissioner of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling for the Time being, or before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place in which such Seizure shall be made, together with the Stores, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, Arms, Ammunition, Materials, and Things so found in such Boat or other Craft; which said Commissioner or Justice is hereby required to commit or bind over, or otherwise to deal with such Person or Persons according to Law, in respect to any of the said last mentioned Stores and Things which shall be so marked as aforesaid; and in respect to any of such Stores and Things which shall not be so marked, but which shall nevertheless be reasonably suspected to be the Property of his Majesty, the said Person or Persons on whom

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Persons deputed by the Commissioners of the Navy, &c. may detain any Craft in which may be suspected to be contained any Articles stolen from his Majesty's Vessels, &c. and the Parties; who shall be dealt with according to Law respecting marked Stores, and those not marked, suspected to belong to his Majesty, and not satisfactorily accounted for, shall be forfeited, and the Party deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor.

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If the Persons be convicted of stealing marked Articles, or adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor with respect to unmarked ones, the Craft in which found shall be forfeited.

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Persons so deputed, or any Police or Peace Officer, may apprehend Persons suspected of having Articles stolen from his Majesty's Vessels, &c. and may seize the Articles, and convey them and the Parties before a Justice, and the like Proceedings shall be had as with respect to Stores found in any Craft.

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the same shall be found shall be required to give an Account, to the Satisfaction of such Commissioner or Justice, that the same were not embezzled or stolen as aforesaid, or that if they were embezzled or stolen, the same had come to his or their Possession honestly, and without any Knowledge or Suspicion that the same had been embezzled or stolen; on Failure whereof, by a reasonable Time to be set as aforesaid,* the said last mentioned Stores or Things shall thereupon become forfeited, and the said Person or Persons so apprehended shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor; and in case the said Person or Persons shall be convicted of stealing, embezzling, or unlawfully having in his, her, or their Possession any of the said Stores or Things which shall be so marked as aforesaid, or shall be adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor for not giving a satisfactory Account as aforesaid, with respect to such of the said Stores or Things as shall not be so marked as aforesaid, such Barge, Boat, or other Craft in which such Stores or Things, or any of them, shall be found, with its Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, shall, upon such Conviction or Adjudication, become and be adjudged by such Commissioner or Justice forfeited, and shall be disposed of in Manner herein-after mentioned.†

XIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons deputed or appointed as aforesaid, or any Police Officer, Constable, Headborough, or other Peace Officer, or any Beadle or Watchman, (during such Time as he shall be on Duty,) of every Parish and Place where he shall be an Officer, to apprehend and detain, or cause to be apprehended and detained, all and every Person and Persons who may reasonably be suspected of having or carrying, or anyways conveying any Naval, Ordnance, or Victualling Stores, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, Arms, Ammunition, Materials, and Things stolen or unlawfully procured from or out of any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels, Yards, Storehouses, or other Places, and also to seize and detain in some Place of Safety, such Stores, Materials, or Things as last aforesaid; and as soon as conveniently may be to convey, or cause the Person or Persons so apprehended to be conveyed before any Commissioner of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, or before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for any County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place in or near to the Place of Seizure, together with the said Stores and other Things; and such and the like Proceedings shall and may be had and taken against the said Person or Persons, in respect of such last mentioned Stores or Things, whether marked or not marked, and such Forfeiture be incurred, and Adjudication made, as are above directed with respect to Stores found in any Barge, Boat, or other Craft as aforesaid.

XIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Stores, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, Arms, Ammunition, Materials, and Things, which

are herein-before declared to be forfeited on the Party or Parties not giving to the Commissioner or Justice a satisfactory Account that the same were not embezzled or stolen as aforesaid, shall be forthwith returned into his Majesty's Store, and shall be applied for the Use and Benefit of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, unless Proof shall be made within three Calendar Months next following such Seizure, to the Satisfaction of such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace, that the same Stores and other Things are the Property of any other Person or Persons; in which Case the said Commissioner or Justice shall cause the same to be forthwith delivered up to such Person or Persons, on his or their giving a proper Receipt or Discharge for the same, and paying the reasonable Costs and Charges, (to be set by such Commissioner or Justice,) attending the Conveyance thereof to and from his Majesty's Store, and the Warehousing or safe Custody thereof from the Time of the Seizure.

XV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace respectively by whom any Barge, Boat, or other Craft shall be adjudged to be forfeited in pursuance of this Act, and he is hereby authorized and required forthwith after such Adjudication, to issue his Warrant to the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs at the Port at or nearest to the Place where such Seizure shall be made, for the Sale of such Barge, Boat, or other Craft; which said Collector or other Chief Officer, by virtue thereof shall, and is hereby authorized and required within one Month then next following, to cause such Barge, Boat, or other Craft, together with its Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, to be publicly sold to the highest Bidder, Notice of which Sale shall be given in some or one of the publick Papers in Circulation in the City, Town Corporate, or Place where such Sale shall be made; and the Money arising from such Sale, after Payment of the reasonable Expences and Charges attending the same, and of securing such Barge, Boat, or other Craft from the Time of the Seizure thereof (to be ascertained by such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace) shall thereupon be forthwith paid by such Collector or other Officer of the Customs into the Hands of such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace respectively, and be by such Commissioner or Justice within one Calendar Month then next following paid and disposed of in the Manner following; (that is to say,) one Moiety thereof to the Person or Persons (or his or their Representatives, if dead) who shall have made Seizure of such Barge, Boat, or other Craft, and the other Moiety thereof to the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy for the Time being (in case the Stores seized shall be Naval or Victualling Stores) to be by him applied in such and the same Manner as the Monies arising from the Sale of Old Stores in his Majesty's Dock Yards now are, or for the Time being shall be applicable; and in case the Stores seized shall be Ordnance Stores, then the said other Moiety shall be paid to the Trea-

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ing a satisfactory Account of them, shall be returned into his Majesty's Stores, and applied for his Use, unless Proof be made within three Months to the contrary.

The Commissioner or Justice by whom any Craft shall be adjudged to be forfeited, shall issue his Warrant to the Officer of the Customs for the Sale thereof, who shall cause it and the Furniture to be publicly sold, and the Produce shall be paid to the Commissioner or Justice, and disposed of, one Half to the Seizor of the Craft, and the other to the Navy Board, &c.

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Persons guilty of Misdemeanors shall forfeit for the first Offence 40s. for the second 5l. for the third 10l. which may be levied by Distress, to be applied, one Half to the Informer and one Half to the Navy Board &c. and if Distress cannot be found, the Offender, (who shall be kept in Custody,) shall be committed for three Months.

surer of his Majesty's Ordnance for the Time being, to be by him applied in such Manner for the Use of his Majesty, as the Master General and Principal Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance for the Time being shall order and direct.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person deemed and adjudged guilty of any of the Misdemeanors aforesaid, before any Commissioner or Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, shall for every such Misdemeanor forfeit for the first Offence the Sum of forty Shillings; for the second Offence the sum of five Pounds, and for the third and every subsequent Offence the sum of ten Pounds, over and above the other Forfeitures above mentioned; all which said respective Forfeitures shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Offender, (rendering to him or them the Overplus, after the Charges of the said Distress and Sale deducted,) by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace, before whom such Offender was convicted, directed to any Constable or other Peace Officer of the County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty or Place, and shall be disposed of in Manner following; (that is to say,) one Moiety to the Person or Persons apprehending such Offender or Offenders, or giving Information, as the Case shall be, and the other Moiety thereof to the Treasurer of the Navy or Ordnance for the Time being, as the Case may require, to be applied as before mentioned; and in case the Constable or other Peace Officer to whom such Warrant shall be directed, shall return to such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace that the Offenders or Offender named therein have not or hath not any Goods or Chattels in his County or Constableness, whereby he can levy the said Penalty, (which Return the said Constable or other Peace Officer is hereby required in that Case to make within a reasonable Time to be set by the said Commissioner or Justice of the Peace, and during which Time the said Offenders or Offender shall be kept in safe Custody by the Order of such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace,) then and in such Case the said Commissioner or Justice shall, and he is hereby required by Warrant under his Hand and Seal directed, as aforesaid, to cause such Offenders or Offender to be committed to the Common Gaol of the County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place, in which such Seizure shall have been made, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for the Space of three Calendar Months, unless such Penalty shall be sooner paid.

Adjudications in Misdemeanors shall be certified to the next General Quarter Sessions, and shall be final.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Adjudication in any of the said Misdemeanors shall be certified by the Commissioner or Justice of the Peace making the same, to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, Division, City, Town Corporate or Place in which such Seizure shall be made, to be filed and entered amongst the Records of the said Session; and such Conviction shall not be set aside or quashed for Want of Form, nor be liable to be

removed by Certiorari, Advocation, or Suspension into any other Court, but shall be deemed and taken to be final to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

XVIII. *And whereas it might tend to prevent the Commission of Offences if Power were given to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, Ordnance, and Victualling, and his Majesty's Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, to hear and determine Offences in a summary Way in Cases where the Stores found are of small Value, and to fine or otherwise punish the Offenders accordingly; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Principal Officer or Commissioner of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling for the Time being, or any Justice of the Peace for any County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place within this Kingdom, to hear and determine any Complaint against any Person or Persons (not being a Contractor or Contractors, or employed as aforesaid) for unlawfully selling or delivering, or causing or procuring to be sold or delivered, or for receiving or having in his, her, or their Custody, Possession, or Keeping, or for concealing any Stores of War, or Naval, Ordnance, or Victualling Stores or Goods marked with such Marks respectively as are herein-before mentioned, of any Value in the Whole not exceeding twenty Shillings; which said Commissioner or Justice respectively is hereby authorized and required upon any Information exhibited or Complaint made in that Behalf, at any Time within three Calendar Months next after any such Offence shall have been committed, to cause the Party or Parties accused to be apprehended and brought before him; or if he, she, or they shall have absconded, or cannot be found, then to be summoned to appear before such Commissioner or Justice, by a Notice or Summons left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode; and also to cause the Witnesses on either Side to be summoned; and such Commissioner or Justice shall examine into the Matter of Fact, and upon due Proof made thereof, either by the voluntary Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, (which Oath the said Commissioner or Justice respectively is hereby authorized to administer,) give Judgment or Sentence accordingly; and in case the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of such Offence, then it shall and may be lawful to and for such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace respectively to inflict a Fine of ten Pounds upon him, her, or them, for such his, her or their Offence; which said Fine so inflicted shall be divided and distributed, one Moiety thereof to the Informer or Discoverer of the Offence, and the other Moiety thereof (the necessary Charges for the Recovery thereof being first deducted) to the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy or Ordnance, as the Case may be, to be by him applied in such Manner as herein before mentioned with respect to the Produce of Barges, Boats, or other Craft seized and sold

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Fine may be levied by Distress, and applied, one Half to the Informer, and one Half to the Navy Board, &c. See § 15.

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If sufficient Distress cannot be found, the Offender may be committed to the Common Gaol, or in lieu of the Fine may be kept to hard Labour in the House of Correction for three Months.

How the Moieties payable to the Navy Board, &c. shall be paid by the Justices.

If in lieu of a Fine the Offender be imprisoned, the Informer shall receive 5l. Reward from the Navy Board, &c. upon Production of a Certificate from the Commissioners or Justices who convicted him.

under the Authority of this Act, and to award and issue out his Warrant under his Hand and Seal for levying such Fine so adjudged on the Goods of the Offender or Offenders, and to cause Sale to be made thereof for Payment of such Fine and the reasonable Charges of Distress, (to be judged of by such Commissioner or Justice respectively,) in case they shall not be redeemed within six Days, rendering to the Party the Overplus, if any; and where sufficient Goods of the Party cannot be found to answer the said Fine, to commit the said Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol of the County, Division, City, Town Corporate, Liberty, or Place, for the Space of three Calendar Months, unless such Fine shall be sooner paid, or in lieu of such Fine, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be imprisoned and kept to hard Labour in the House of Correction for the Space of three Calendar Months, as to such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace respectively shall be thought fit; and every such Commissioner or Justice shall cause the Amount of every such last mentioned Moiety of Fine which he shall so receive, and also the Moiety of every Sum arising from the Sale of any Barge, Boat, or other Craft sold under the Authority of this Act and paid into his Hands as aforesaid, to be paid into the Hands of the said Treasurer of the Navy or Ordnance, within thirty Days after the Expiration of the Year in which such Fines shall be received by him, or in Default thereof such Commissioner or Justice respectively shall forfeit the Sum of fifty Pounds, to be recovered with double Costs of Suit, by any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or Court of Exchequer in Scotland, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparlance shall be allowed; one Moiety of which last mentioned Fine shall go to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them who shall sue for the same as aforesaid.

[XIX. Fine of £10 may be mitigated to one Half, besides Expences.]

XX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That in case such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace shall, upon the hearing and determining of such Complaint as aforesaid, adjudge the Offender or Offenders, in lieu of a Fine, to be imprisoned and kept to hard Labour as aforesaid, that then the Informer, or Person or Persons who shall have discovered such Offender or Offenders shall have and receive, as a Reward for such his, her, or their Discovery, the Sum of five Pounds for every such Offence so discovered; and the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, as the Case may require, shall cause the said Reward of five Pounds to be paid by the Treasurer of the Navy or Ordnance respectively for the Time being, out of any publick Money in his Hands, upon such Informer or other Person producing to them a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Commissioner or Justice of the Peace who shall have convicted such

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Nothing herein shall prevent Parties accused of selling or receiving Stores under the Value of 20s from being prosecuted as Receivers of stolen Goods, so as the Offender be not twice punished for the same Offence.

XXIV. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing herein-before contained which gives to any Commissioner or Justice of the Peace Power or Authority to hear and determine Offences in a summary Way, shall extend or be deemed, construed, or taken to extend, to prevent the Party or Parties accused of selling or delivering, or of having in his, her, or their Custody, Possession, or Keeping, or of receiving or concealing any of the Stores marked as above mentioned, under the Value of twenty Shillings, from being prosecuted as Receivers of stolen Goods under this Act, or for unlawfully having the same in his, her, or their Custody, or concealing the same under the said recited Acts of the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, the ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, of the seventeenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, in any Court of Record, Oyer and Terminer, or otherwise, as they might have been if no such Power or Authority had been given; or to take away from any Person or Court whatsoever any Power, Right, Jurisdiction, Pre-eminence, or Authority, which he or they, or any of them, ought lawfully to have had and enjoyed for the hearing and determining of such Offences, in case no such Power or Authority to hear and determine the same in a summary Way had been given, so as that the same Person shall not be punished twice for the same Offence.

The Commissioners of the Navy, &c. may sell marked Stores, and the Buyers may keep them, without incurring any Penalty, on producing a Certificate of their having bought them.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling, for the Time being, may sell and dispose of any of the Stores aforesaid so marked as aforesaid, as they did or might have done before the making of this Act; and that such Person or Persons as heretofore have or shall hereafter buy any such Stores or other Stores so marked as aforesaid, of the said respective Commissioners, may keep and enjoy the same, without incurring the Penalty of this Act, or any Law to the contrary whatsoever, upon producing a Certificate or Certificates, under the Hand and Seal of three or more of the said Commissioners, that they bought such Goods or Stores from them at any Time before they sold or delivered the same, or before the same were found in their Custody, or a Certificate from such Person or Persons as shall appear to have bought the said Stores from them the said Commissioners, that the Stores so sold or delivered by them, or so found in their Custody, were the Stores or Part of the Stores so bought of the said Commissioners as aforesaid, in which Certificate or Certificates, the Quantities of such Stores shall be expressed, and the Time when and where bought of the said Commissioners, who, or any three or more of them for the Time being, and also the Person or Persons afterwards selling the same, are hereby empowered and directed from Time to Time to give such Certificate to such Person or Persons as shall desire the same, and have bought

and shall hereafter buy any of the aforesaid Stores within thirty Days after the Sale and Delivery thereof.

XXVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall make, sign, or give any false Certificate, Bill of Parcels, or other Instrument, purporting the Identity or the Sale or Disposal of any Goods or Stores as Goods or Stores so purchased of the said Commissioners as aforesaid, or if any Person or Persons shall utter or publish any such false Certificate, Bill of Parcels, or other Instrument purporting as aforesaid, knowing the same to be false, every such Offender, upon Conviction thereof in due Form of Law, shall forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds, and be further corporally punished, as by this Act is directed with respect to Persons having in their Possession or concealing his Majesty's Warlike, Naval, or Ordnance Stores, contrary to the said Act of the ninth and tenth Years of King William the Third; one Moiety of which Penalty shall be to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof, with full Costs of Suit, to the Informer, to be recovered in such Manner as the Penalty of two hundred Pounds, inflicted by the said last mentioned Act, is by that Act or any Law now in force, made recoverable.

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George III.
c. 89.
Penalty for giving or publishing false Certificates 200 l. and corporal Punishment, (as under § 2.)

Penalty Half to the King and Half to the Informer.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall be sued or prosecuted for or by reason of their seizing any such Stores or Goods as aforesaid, or any Barge, Boat, or other Craft in which the same shall have been deposited, and upon the Trial of the Issue shall make Proof, that such Goods or Stores so seized by him or them, or any Part thereof, were so marked as aforesaid, or if not so marked, might reasonably be suspected to belong to his Majesty, or in case the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, in such Action or Suit, shall not at such Trial make good Proof that he or they was or were so employed, or had such Certificate as aforesaid, and that he or they did shew such Certificate to the Defendant or Defendants before the Action or Suit was commenced or brought, and that such Defendant or Defendants did not thereupon deliver or offer to deliver back unto the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, at their Request, all such Goods and Stores as aforesaid, and the Barge, Boat, or other Craft (if any) in which the same had been deposited, in as good Plight and Condition as they were at the Time of the Seizure thereof, such Defendant or Defendants shall be acquitted and found not guilty thereupon.

If any Person shall be sued for any Seizure, and shall prove on the Trial that the Stores were marked, or if not marked might be suspected to belong to his Majesty, or if the Plaintiff shall not prove that he had a Certificate, &c. the Defendant shall be acquitted.

[XXVIII. The Commissioners shall have the Benefit given to Justices of the Peace by 7 Jac. I. c. 5; 21 Jac. I. c. 12; and 21 Geo. II. c. 44; and the Peace Officers acting under them shall have the Protection of the said Acts.]

[XXIX. Act to extend to Scotland.]

[XXX. Offenders in Scotland to be tried according to the Forms in Trials for Theft or Reset of Theft.]

[XXXI. Persons accused of Offences in Scotland, for which in England a summary Mode of Trial is established, may be so tried there.]

[XXXII. At whose Instance summary Prosecutions in Scotland shall proceed.]

No. 7.
39 and 40
George III.
c. 89.

[XXXIII. Penalties in Scotland to be applied as in England.]

[XXXIV. In Cases where in England Suits may be instituted in any Court of Record at Westminster, in similar Cases in Scotland they may be instituted in the Court of Exchequer there.]

[XXXV. In Questions in Scotland upon Matters not herein provided for, the Laws there to be observed.]

[XXXVI. If any Person shall forswear himself, he shall be liable to the Penalties of wilful Perjury.]

No. 8.

54 George III. c. 60.—An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Cordage.—
[27th. May 1814.]

No. 8.
54 George III.
c. 60.

Provisions of
9 and 10 W. 3.
c. 41. and 39
and 40 Geo. 3.
c. 89. extended
to Cordage
wrought with
Worsted
Threads.

Proviso.

‘WHEREAS the Marks usually put to his Majesty's Cordage are frequently taken out or the same for the Purpose of concealing his Majesty's Property therein; and it is expedient that other Marks should be used in his Majesty's Cordage for the Purpose of denoting his Majesty's Property therein;’ Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, all and every the Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Restrictions, Powers, Provisions, Matters and Things, in respect to the making, selling, delivering, receiving, having in Possession, and concealing any Cordage wrought either with a white Thread laid the contrary Way, or with a Twine laid to the contrary Way, mentioned and contained in an Act passed in the ninth and tenth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled “An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Stores of War; and preventing Cheats, Frauds and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages;” and also in an Act passed in the thirty-ninth and fortieth Years of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled “An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Naval, Ordnance and Victualling Stores;” or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament; shall extend to the making, selling, delivering, receiving, having in Possession and concealing any Cordage wrought with one or more worsted Threads, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same several Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Restrictions, Powers, Provisions, Matters and Things were herein and hereby repeated and re-enacted in respect to such last mentioned Cordage: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal any of the Statutes now in force, or any of the Clauses, Matters and Things therein contained, in respect to Cordage wrought either with a white Thread laid the contrary Way, or with a

Twine laid to the contrary Way, but that the same Marks may be continued to be used to denote his Majesty's Property in such Cordage in the same Manner as if this Act had not been passed. No. 8.
54 George III.
c. 69.

No. 9.

55 George III. c. 127. — An Act to repeal an Act of the fifty-third Year of his present Majesty, for preventing the Embezzlement of Stores; and to extend the Provisions of the several Acts relating to his Majesty's Naval, Ordnance and Victualling Stores, to all other Public Stores — [29th. June, 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the ninth and tenth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, "An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Stores of War; and preventing Cheats, Frauds and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages;" and by another Act passed in the ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled, "An Act for continuing some Laws, and reviving others therein mentioned; for exempting Apothecaries from serving Parish and Ward Offices, and upon Juries, and relating to Jurors; and to the Payment of Seamen's Wages; and the Preservation of Naval Stores of War; and concerning the Militia and Trophy Money; and against clandestine Running of unaccustomed Goods, and for the more effectual preventing Frauds relating to the Customs, and Frauds in mixing Silk with Stuff to be exported;" and by another Act passed in the seventeenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled, "An Act to continue the several Laws therein mentioned for preventing Theft and Rapine on the Northern Borders of *England*; for the more effectual punishing wicked and evil-disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violence to the Persons and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice: for continuing two Clauses to prevent the cutting or breaking down the Bank of any River, or Sea Bank, and to prevent the malicious cutting Hopbinds; and for the more effectual Punishment of Persons maliciously setting on Fire any Mine, Pit or Delph of Coal, or Cannel Coal; and of Persons unlawfully hunting or taking any Red or Fallow Deer in Forests or Chases, or beating or wounding the Keepers or other Officers in Forests, Chases or Parks; and for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of any of his Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America, from the said Colonies directly to Foreign Parts in Ships built in Great Britain, and navigated according to Law; and to explain two Acts relating to the Prosecution of Offenders for embezzling Naval Stores, or Stores of War; and to prevent the

No. 9.
55 George III.
c. 127.
[9 and 10 W. 3:
c. 41. § 1, 2,
4, 5, 8.
9 G. 1. c. 8.
§ 3, 4.
17 G. 2. c. 49.
§ 10.

No. 9. 'retailing of Wine within either of the Universities in that
 55 George III. 'Part of Great Britain called England without Licence;" and
 c. 127. 'by another Act, passed in the fortieth Year of the Reign of
 39 and 40 G. 3. 'his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the better pre-
 c. 89. 'venting the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Naval, Ordnance
 'and Victualling Stores;" divers Provisions were made for
 'preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's Naval,
 'Ordnance and Victualling Stores: And whereas by ano-
 52 G. 3. c. 12. 'ther Act passed in the fifty-second Year of the Reign of
 'His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for extending the
 'Laws for preventing the Embezzlement of his Majesty's
 'Naval, Ordnance and Victualling Stores to Ireland," the said
 'recited Acts, so far as the same severally relate to his Ma-
 'jesty's Naval, Ordnance and Victualling Stores therein
 'respectively mentioned, were extended to Ireland: And
 53 G. 3. c. 126.] 'whereas by another Act passed in the fifty-third Year of the
 'Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to extend
 'the Provisions of an Act of the ninth and tenth Year of King
 'William the Third, for preventing the Embezzlement of
 'Stores of War to all Public Stores:" it was enacted, that the
 'said recited Act of the ninth and tenth Year of King William
 'the Third should extend to all Public Stores whatsoever: And
 'whereas by reason of divers Omissions and Imperfections in
 'the said recited Act of the fifty-third Year of the Reign of
 'his present Majesty, it is expedient that the same should be
 'repealed, and such further Provisions made in lieu thereof as
 'hereinafter mentioned;' Be it therefore enacted by the King's
 most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Con-
 sent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in
 this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of
 the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the
 53 G. 3. c. 126, 'said recited Act of the fifty-third Year of the Reign of his pre-
 repealed. 'sent Majesty shall be and the same is hereby repealed, to all
 Intents and Purposes whatsoever, except as to any Offence or
 Offences which may have been committed against the said last-
 mentioned Act and the Prosecution and Punishment of any
 Person or Persons for the same.

II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the
 9 and 10 W. 3. passing of this Act, not only the said recited Act of the ninth
 c. 41. § 1, 2, 4. and tenth Year of the Reign of King William the Third, but
 5. 8. also the said several other Acts of the ninth Year of the Reign
 of King George the First, the seventeenth Year of the Reign
 9 G. 1. c. 3. of King George the Second, and the fortieth Year of the Reign
 § 3. 4. of King George the Second, heretofore recited, so far as the
 17 G. 2. c. 40. same severally relate to his Majesty's Naval, Ordnance and
 § 10. Victualling Stores therein respectively mentioned, and all
 39 and 40 G. 3. the Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Restrictions,
 c. 89. Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Matters and Things therein re-
 to extend to all spectively contained, relating to his Majesty's Naval, Ordnance
 Public Stores, and to all Per- and Victualling Stores therein respectively mentioned, shall
 sons intermed- extend and be construed to extend to all Public Stores what-
 dling therewith soever under the Care, Superintendence or Controul of any
 not authorized.

Officer or Person in the Service of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or employed in any Public Department or Office, No. 9.
either marked with the Marks or any of them in the said recited George III.
Acts or any of them specified, or with the Broad Arrow, and c. 127.
the Letters B. O., or with a Crown and the Broad Arrow, or
with his Majesty's Arms, or with the Letters G. R., to denote
the Property of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, therein,
and to all and every Person and Persons, not authorised by
the proper Officer or Officers, Person or Persons in his Majesty's
Service, in that behalf so to do, using any such Marks or
making any Goods marked with such Marks, or any of them,
and to all and every Person and Persons in whose Custody,
Possession or Keeping any such Public Stores so marked as
aforesaid shall be found, or who shall willingly or knowingly
receive or have in his, her or their Custody, Possession or
Keeping, or who shall conceal any such Public Stores so
marked as aforesaid, unless such Person or Persons shall upon
his, her or their Trial produce a Certificate or Certificates
under the Hand or Hands of the proper Officer or Officers,
Persons or Person in his Majesty's Service authorised to grant
the same, of such and the like Nature as the Certificate in the
said recited Acts of the ninth and tenth Year of the Reign of
King *William* the Third, and fortieth Year of the Reign of 9 & 10 W. 3.
his present Majesty mentioned, and to all and every Person c. 41. § 2.
and Persons who shall wilfully and fraudulently destroy, beat 39 & 40 G. 3.
out, take out, cut out, deface, obliterate or erase, wholly or c. 89. § 25.
in part, any of the said Marks, or cause, procure, employ or
direct any other Persons or Person so to do, for the Purpose of
concealing the Property of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors,
therein, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes,
as if all the same several Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures,
Regulations, Restrictions, Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Matters
and Things, in the said several Acts contained, so far as the same
severally relate to his Majesty's Naval, Ordnance and Victualling
Stores, and the Punishment of Persons offending in manner therein
mentioned, were herein and hereby severally repeated and re-enacted
in respect to all other Public Stores whatsoever.

PART V. CLASS XI.

FALSE PRETENCES.

No. 1.

33 Henry VIII. c. 1.—A Bill against them that counterfeit Letters or privy Tokens to receive Money or Goods in other Men's Names.

No. 1. **F**ORASMUCH as many light and evil-disposed Persons, 33 Henry VIII. c. 1.
not minding to get their Livings by Truth, according to the Laws of this Realm, but compassing and devising daily how they may unlawfully obtain and get into their Hands and Possession Goods, Cattels, and Jewels of other Persons, for the Maintenance of their unthrifty Living, and also knowing that if they come to any of the same Goods, Cattels and Jewels by Stealth, that then they, being thereof lawfully convicted according to the Laws of this Realm, shall die therefore; have now of late falsly and deceitfully contrived, devised and imagined privy Tokens, and counterfeit Letters in other Men's Names, unto divers Persons their special Friends and Acquaintances, for the obtaining of Money, Goods, Cattels and Jewels of the same Persons, their Friends and Acquaintances, by Colour whereof the said light and evil-disposed Persons have deceitfully and unlawfully obtained and gotten great Substance of Money, Goods, Cattels and Jewels into their Hands and Possession, contrary to Right and Conscience: (1.)

II. For Reformation whereof, be it ordained and enacted by Authority of this present Parliament, That if any Person or Persons, of what Estate or Degree soever he or they be, at any Time after the first Day of April next coming, falsly and deceitfully obtain or get into his or their Hands or Possession, any Money, Goods, Cattels, Jewels, or other Things of any

(1.) It has been sometimes said, that this Act was made only in Affirmance of the Common Law, which is agreed to be true as to counterfeit Letters; and it is also agreed, that Cheats, by Means of false Tokens of a public Nature, were an Offence at Common Law; but the cheating by false privy Tokens, seems to be a newly-created Offence. See the Observations upon this Subject, E. P. C. ch. 18, § 9.

other Person or Persons, by Colour and Means of any such false (2.) Token or counterfeit Letter made in any other Man's Name, (3.) as is aforesaid, that then every Person and Persons so offending, and being thereof lawfully convict, by Witnesses taken before the Lord Chancellor of *England* for the Time being, or by Examination of Witnesses, or Confession taken in the Star-Chamber at *Westminster* before the King's most honourable Council, or before the Justices of Assise in their Circuits for the Time being, or before the Justices of Peace within any Part of the King's Dominions in their general Sessions, or by Action in any of the King's Courts of Record, shall have and suffer such Correction and Punishment, by Imprisonment of his Body, setting upon the Pillory, or otherwise by any Corporal Pain (except Pains of Death) as shall be unto him or them limited, adjudged, or appointed by the Person or Persons before whom he shall be so convict of the said Offences, or of any of them.

No. 1.
33 Henry VIII.
c. 1.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as well the Justices of Assise for the Time being, as also two Justices of Peace in every County, whereof the one to be of the *Quorum*, shall have full Power and Authority to call and convent, by Process or otherwise, to the said Assises or General Sessions, any Person or Persons being suspected of any of the Offences aforesaid, and to commit him or them to Ward, or to let him or them to Bail, till the next Assises or General Sessions, there to be examined, and further to be ordered by their Discretions, as is abovesaid.

The Justices' Authority touching the said Offenders.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by Authority aforesaid, That Justices of the Peace within every City, Borough, Town and Franchise within this Realm, or other the King's Dominions, shall have like Jurisdiction, Power and Authority, at their General Sessions and otherwise, to do and execute all and every Thing and Things in all Points, as other Justices of the Assises in their Circuits, or Justices of the Peace in the Counties, by virtue of this Act, be limited and appointed to do and execute, for the Punishment and Correction of like Offenders, as by this foresaid Act is specified and declared: Saving to the Party grieved by such Decent, such Kemediy by way of Action or otherwise, of and for the same Money, Goods, Cattels, Jewels or other Things so obtained, as he might have had if this Act had never been had ne made; any Thing in the same contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding,

The Authority of Justices of Peace in Cities, &c.

The Remedy of the Party grieved.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the King's Highness Council of his Town of *Calice*, or three of them for the Time being, shall have such and like Authority for the Examination, Bailment

The King's Council of Calice.

(2.) This, by Reference to the Preamble, means privy Token; which means a Key, a Ring, &c. or some other real visible Mark or Thing, and not a mere false Affirmation or Promise; *R. v. Murex*, 2 Str. 1127.
(3.) A Draft in the Defendant's own Name, upon a Banker on whom he had no Authority to draw, is not within the Act; *R. v. Lava*, 6 T. R. 565.

No. 1. and Punishment of such Offender or Offenders, and for such
 33 Henry VIII. Offences hereafter to be committed and done within the Town
 c. 1. and Marches of *Calice*, and County of *Guines*, as the aforesaid
 Justices of Assise or Justices of Peace have by Force of this
 Act within their Jurisdictions and Authorities.

No. 2.

19. 30 George II. c. 24.—An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall attain, or attempt to attain, Possession of Goods or Money, by false or untrue Pretences; for preventing the unlawful pawning of Goods; for the easy Redemption of Goods pawned; and for preventing Gaming in Publick Houses by Journey-men, Labourers, Servants and Apprentices.*

No. 2. ' WHEREAS divers evil-disposed Persons, to support
 30 George II. ' their profligate Way of Life, have by various subtle
 c. 24. ' Stratagems, Threats and Devices, fraudulently obtained di-
 No Certiorari ' vers Sums of Money, Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, to
 lies on this stat. ' the great Injury of industrious Families, and to the manifest
 ' Prejudice of Trade and Credit;' Therefore for the punish-
 ' ing all such Offenders, Be it enacted by the King's most Ex-
 ' cellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the
 ' Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present
 ' Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,
 ' That from and after the twenty-ninth Day of September one
 ' thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, all Persons who
 ' knowingly and designedly, by false Pretence or Pretences, (1.)

Persons con-
 victed of obtain-
 ing Money, &c.
 by false Pre-
 tences, &c.

* Sections 3 to 13, inclusive, relate to Pawnbrokers, and have been superseded by later Statutes. Sections 14 and 15, to Gaming in Public Houses, for which see Pt. VI. Cl. I.; where see also Sect. 16. Sections 18, 19, and 21 relate to summary Proceedings under the other Branches of the Act. Section 23 to the Protection of Justices and Peace Officers acting in Execution of the Act.

(1.) A Pretence that the Defendant had laid a Wager upon a Race to be afterwards run, and obtaining twenty Guineas as part of the Bet, when in Truth no such Bet had been made, ruled to be within the Act, although objected that the Representation related to a future Transaction, respecting which Enquiry might be made. Lord Kenyon—"The Statute extends to every Case where a Party obtains Money by falsely representing himself to be in a Situation in which he was not; or by falsely representing any Occurrence that had not happened, to which Persons of ordinary Caution might give Credit." Buller J. mentioned a Case before himself and Moreton C. J. at Chester, where the Defendant was convicted for pretending that he had been employed by the Duke de Lauzun to take some Horses from Ireland to London, and that he had been detained by contrary Winds till his Money was all spent; *R. v. Young and others*, 3 T. R. 98. A Foreman supplied weekly with Money to pay the other Workmen their Wages, upon delivering to the Clerk an Account of the Money earned, delivering in an Account in the Words following—"9th. September, 1796, Shearmen £44 11s." and it appearing that he made false entries in a Book kept by him, of Persons employed, so as to make up the Sum stated, was ruled by all the Judges to be guilty within the Act, as he would not have obtained the Credit but by the false

shall obtain from any Person or Persons, Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, with Intent to cheat or defraud any Person or Persons of the same; or shall knowingly send or deliver any Letter or Writing, with or without a Name or Names subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name or Names, Letter or Letters, threatening (2.) to accuse any Person of any Crime punishable by Law with Death, Transportation, Pillory, or any other infamous Punishment, with a View or Intent to extort or gain Money, (3.) Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, from the Person or Persons so threatened to be accused, shall be deemed Offenders against Law and the Publick Peace; and the Court before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be tried, shall in case he, she or they shall be

No. 2.
30 George II.
c. 24.

may be punished by Fine and Imprisonment, or by Pillory, &c.

Account delivered in; *Witchell's Case*, 1798, E. P. C. ch. 18. § 8. A Carrier who had received Goods under Pretence of carrying them, and pretending that he had carried and delivered them, ruled to be within the Act; *R. v. Airey*, 2 East, 30. In *R. v. Jackson*, 3 Camp. 370. *Bailey J.* said it had been recently held by the Judges, that it was an indictable Offence fraudulently to obtain Goods, by giving in Payment a Cheque upon a Banker with whom the Party keeps no Cash, and which he knows will not be paid; and the Prisoner was upon such Fraud convicted, and sentenced to be transported. It is not sufficient to charge the obtaining by false Pretences, without shewing what such Pretences were; *R. v. Mason*, 2 T. R. 581. It is sufficient to state, that the Defendant pretended—by means of which false Pretence he obtained—and then to negative the Truth of the Pretences; *R. v. Airey*, *ibid. supra*. It is not sufficient to allege, that he falsely pretended, and, by Means of such false Pretence, obtained, without expressly negating the Truth of the Pretences by special Averment; and all the Judges held that the Averment of the Falseness of Pretences, must be made with the same Particularity as in Case of an Indictment for Forgery; *R. v. Perrott*, 2 M. and S. 379. The effect of this Decision would seem not to be confined to the mere Form of the Indictment; for if the Assignment of Falseness must be made with the same Particularity as in an Indictment for Forgery, it would apparently follow, that there must be the same Particularity in the original Pretence, which is requisite in a judicial Proceeding; the Sufficiency or Insufficiency of which is often determined upon the Evidence of its containing so distinct an Assertion, as to admit of Forgery being assigned thereon; whereas in the Cheats intended to be guarded against by the present Act, a great deal more is often understood than is positively expressed: for instance, to advert to *Jackson's Case*, *supra*, there is no express and formal Statement made by a Person drawing a Bill, that he has Cash in the Hands of the Drawee; but the mere Act of drawing the Bill is considered as amounting to such a Pretence: whereas in case of Forgery, no Indictment can be supported upon the mere Understanding arising from any Understanding or Inferences, without there being in Fact, as well as in Allegation, an express and direct Assertion of the Facts charged to have been falsely sworn; in which Respect there is a Failure of that Analogy between the respective Cases, which, in the Case of the *King v. Perrott*, seems to have been taken for granted as deciding the Law.

(2.) This Act does not repeal the Provisions respecting threatening Letters, by 9 Geo. I. c. 22. ante, Class VI. No. 35. See Note (14.) *ibid.*; but the Judges were of Opinion that an Indictment could not be supported on this Act, if there was a Demand; *Robinson's Case*, *Leach*, Ca. 294.

(3.) A Letter written with Intent to procure the delivering up of a Promissory Note of the Defendant, does not support an Indictment charging an Intent to extort Money; *R. v. Major*, *Leach*, Ca. 297; E. P. C. ch. 23. § 3.

No. 2.
30 George II.
c. 24.

convicted of any of the said Offences, order such Offender or Offenders to be fined and imprisoned, or to be put in the Pillory, or publickly whipped, or to be transported, as soon as conveniently may be (according to the Laws made for Transportation of Felons) to some of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, for the Term of seven Years, as the Court in which any such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted shall think fit and order.

Justices to en-
dure therein,

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty or Place, before whom any Person or Persons charged on Oath, by any credible Person or Persons, with having committed any of the Offences intended by this Act to be punished, shall be brought, shall examine by Oath (which Oath every such Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to administer) and such other lawful Means as to any such Justice or Justices shall seem meet, touching the Matters complained of, and deal with the Offender or Offenders according to Law; and if the Party or Parties charged as being the Offender or Offenders, shall be committed to Prison, or be admitted to Bail, to answer the Matters complained of at the next General or Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, or next Sessions of *Oyer and Terminer*, which shall be held for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty or Place wherein the Offence shall be charged on Oath to have been committed, then such Justice or Justices shall bind over the Prosecutor and Prosecutors of every such Offender and Offenders to appear at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or next Sessions of *Oyer and Terminer* which shall be held for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty or Place wherein the Offence shall be charged to have been committed, by Recognizance, in such reasonable Sum of Money as to such Justice or Justices shall seem requisite, to prosecute such Offender and Offenders with Effect; and if any Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes fraudulently obtained, shall appear to such Justice or Justices to exceed the Amount or Value of twenty Pounds, then the Recognizance to be taken in that Behalf from the Prosecutor or Prosecutors, shall be in not less than double the Amount or Value the same shall appear before any such Justice or Justices to be worth.

and to bind
over the Com-
plainant.

Recognizance
in proportion to
the Fraud.

Offenders not
admitted to
Bail, till No-
tice, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Persons charged on Oath with being guilty of any of the Offences punishable by this Act, and which shall require Bail, shall be admitted to Bail before twenty-four Hours Notice, at least, shall be proved by Oath to have been given in Writing to the Prosecutor, of the Names and Places of Abode of the Persons proposed to be Bail for any such Offender or Offenders, unless the Bail offered shall be well known to the Justice or Justices, and he and they shall approve of them; and every such Offender and Offenders, who shall be bound over to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or

Gaol Delivery, of the County, City, or Town wherein the Offence charged on him shall have been committed, to answer any such Offences punishable by this Act, shall be tried at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or Sessions of *Oyer and Terminer* and Gaol Delivery which shall be held next after his, her, or their being apprehended, unless the Court shall think fit to put off the Trial on just Cause made out to them.

XX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no *Certiorari* shall be granted to remove any Indictment, Conviction or other Proceedings had thereon in pursuance of this Act. (1.)

(1.) There can be no *Certiorari* on an Indictment for obtaining Money, &c. by false Pretences, on Affidavit that the Party cannot have an impartial Trial. It was urged that the Section is confined to Offences created by Section 14; but the Court said, that there did not appear to be any Reason, from the Nature of the Subject, why it should relate to one Part more than another; *R. v. Young*, 2 T. R. 472.

No. 3.

52 George III. c. 64. An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act of the thirtieth Year of King George the Second, against Persons obtaining Money by false Pretences, to Persons so obtaining Bonds and other Securities.—[9th. June 1812.]

“WHEREAS by an Act passed in the thirtieth Year of his late Majesty, intituled “An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall attain or attempt to attain Possession of Goods or Money by false or untrue Pretences, for preventing the unlawful pawning of Goods, for the easy Redemption of Goods pawned, and for preventing of Gaming in Public Houses by Journeymen, Labourers, Servants and Apprentices,” it was enacted, That all Persons who knowingly and designedly, by false Pretence or Pretences, should obtain from any Person or Persons, Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, with Intent to cheat or defraud any Person or Persons of the same, or should knowingly send or deliver any Letter or Writing with or without a Name or Names subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name or Names, Letter or Letters, threatening to accuse any Person of any Crime punishable by Law with Death, Transportation, Pillory, or any other infamous Punishment, with a View or Intent to extort or gain Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes from the Person or Persons so threatened to be accused; should be deemed Offenders against Law and the public Peace; and the Court before whom such Offender or Offenders should be tried, should in case he, she or they should be convicted of any of the said Offences, order such Offender or Offenders to be fined and imprisoned, or to be put in the Pillory, or publicly whipped, or to be transported

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Obtaining by
false Pretences
Money, &c. or
Securities.

Sending threat-
ening Letters to
accuse Persons
of having com-
mitted Crimes
with an Intent
to extort or gain
Money or
Goods.

‘ as soon as conveniently might be according to the Laws
‘ made for Transportation of Felons, to some of his Majesty’s
‘ Colonies or Plantations in *America*, for the Term of seven
‘ Years, as the Court in which any such Offender or Offenders
‘ should be convicted should think fit and order: And whereas
‘ it is expedient that the Provisions of the said Act should be
‘ further extended in the Manner hereinafter mentioned:’ Be
it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by
and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and
Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assem-
bled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after
the passing of this Act, all Persons who knowingly and de-
signedly, by false Pretence or Pretences, shall obtain from
any Person or Persons, or from any Body Politic or Corporate,
any Money, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, or any Bond,
Bill of Exchange, Bank Note, Promissory Note, or other Se-
curity for the Payment of Money, or any Warrant or Order
for the Payment of Money or Delivery or Transfer of Goods
or other valuable Thing, with Intent to cheat or defraud any
Person or Persons, or any Body Politic or Corporate of the
same; or shall knowingly send or deliver any Letter or Writ-
ing with or without a Name or Names subscribed thereto, or
signed with a fictitious Name or Names, Letter or Letters,
threatening to accuse any Person of any Crime punishable by
Law with Death, Transportation, Pillory or any other infamous
Punishment, with a View or Intent to extort or gain any Bond,
Bill of Exchange, Bank Note, Promissory Note or other Se-
curity for the Payment of Money, or any Warrant or Order
for the Payment of Money, or Delivery or Transfer of Goods
or other valuable Thing, shall be deemed Offenders against
Law and the public Peace, and shall be liable to be prosecuted
and punished in like Manner as if they had knowingly and
designedly, by false Pretence or Pretences, obtained Money,
Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, from any Person or Persons,
with Intent to cheat or defraud any Person or Persons of the
same, or had sent or delivered such Letter or Writing with a
View or Intent to extort Money, Goods, Wares or Merchan-
dizes, from the Person or Persons so threatened.

PART V. CLASS XII.

FORGERY.*

* The following general View of the Construction and Operation of the several modern Statutes respecting Forgery is principally abridged from East's Pleas of the Crown, ch. 19. The Points arising upon particular Statutes included in the Collection will also be noted in the proper Places to which they respectively belong.

In discussing the Question, How far the Validity in Law of the Thing forged, supposing it was true, is essential to Forgery? Sir E. H. East (referring to Hawkins, ch. 70, § 7) observes, that it is said to be no way material, whether a forged Instrument be made in such a Manner as, if it were true, it would be of any Validity, or not; and adds, that he conceives this must be understood, when the false Instrument carries on the Face of it the Semblance of that for which it is counterfeited, and is not illegal in its very Frame; and proceeds to notice the Case of Deakins, 1 Sid. 142. for forging a Protection in the Name of one as being M. P. who was not so; of Japhet Crooke, 2 Str. 901. Fitzg. 57, 261. (indicted upon 5 Eliz.) for forging a Conveyance of Lands by a false Description, and sufficient, if genuine, to pass such Lands; and of Coogan, 2 Leach, Ca. 208. and Ball, MSS., and of Murphy and Stirling, therein cited, for forging the Wills of Persons not dead. The same Observation applies to forging the Names of fictitious Persons, § 43.

It is sufficient to constitute a Forgery, if there is such a Degree of Similitude as will impose upon Persons not having particular Experience in such Matters; as where a Person from the Bank said that he could not have been imposed upon by the Counterfeit; but it appeared that others had been deceived, though the Counterfeits were very ill executed; R. v. Hood, before Le Blanc J., East, 1802. So where the forged Bank Note had no Watermark; Elliott's Case, 1777. Leach, Ca. 90. (East, § 44). But Query, Whether there is any Case where the mere Unskilfulness of the Execution, however great, will excuse a Forgery, complete as to the Terms and Language of the Instrument, and committed with a felonious Intent? If the Instrument forged is not in its Terms such as the Indictment charges it to be, the Case is not supported; as where an Instrument, stated in the Indictment as purporting to be a Bank Note, was a Promise to pay for *Self* and Company of *my* Bank in England; Jones's Case, Leach, Ca. 103. Doug. 302. But a Mistake in framing the Instrument itself will not excuse, as where a forged Will commenced "I Peter Perry," and was signed John Perry; Fitzgerald's Case, Leach, Ca. 9.

Forgery of a Will, purporting to be a Devise of Land, attested only by two Witnesses, not sufficient, without its appearing that there was only a Chattel Interest; Watt's Case, 1800. So of a Bill of Exchange for less than £ 5, not attested by a subscribing Witness, or having the other Requisites of 17 Geo. III. c. 30. (See ante Pt. III. Cl. IV. No. 3.) Secus as to the Want of a Stamp; Hawkeswood's Case, Leach, Ca. 129; Martin's Case, MSS. Jud.; or as to a collateral Objection, as when an Order for Payment of Prize-money bore Date when the Seaman was within seven Miles of the

Port of Discharge, and would therefore be void by 32 Geo. III. ch. 34, § 2; *Mc Intosh's Case*, 1800, MSS. Jud. (§ 45).

With respect to the Name in which the Forgery is committed, it is now settled that the Use of a fictitious Name is a Forgery, as well as the Assumption of the Name of an existing Person. This was determined in the Case of Aaron Lewis, O. B. 1754, for forging a Deed purporting to be a Warrant of Attorney from Elizabeth Tough, *Administratrix of R. Tough*, deceased, to receive Prize-money; there being no such Person as Elizabeth Tough in Existence; Foster, C. L. 116. So in the Case of Bolland, (1772) who, having indorsed a real Note in his own Name, was told by *Jessett*, the Person employed to negotiate it, that he should not be able to indorse it with his (Bolland's) Name. [Bolland was a well-known Character as a Sheriff's Officer.] Upon which he said he would take his Name off, and another Person began erasing it, and the Name being erased except the Letter B, the Prisoner said—"Don't scratch it all out: it may disfigure or cancel the Note. I will think of some other Name that begins with a B." And immediately made the Name Banks, and directed *Jessett* to say that Banks kept a Public House in Rathbone Place. So in *Lockett's Case*, 1772, Leach, Ca. 53, where the Prisoner gave a Draft on a Banking House in a fictitious Name. It is also agreed to be immaterial whether the Prisoner gained any additional Credit by using the false Name; as where a Person offered to discount a Bill which had been stolen, and the Clerk offered to discount it if the Prisoner would indorse it, that being the invariable Rule of the House, and the Prisoner indorsed a fictitious Name—all the Judges were of Opinion that the Case amounted to Forgery; for though the fictitious Signature was not necessary to the obtaining of the Money, and the Intent in writing the false Name was only to conceal through whose Hands the Bill had passed, yet it was a Fraud both on the Owner and the Person discounting; as the one lost the Chance of tracing it, and the other the Benefit of a real Indorser; *Taft's Case*, Leach, Ca. 88; E. P. C. ch. 19, § 46.

So where a Person who, by some Means which did not appear, had obtained a Bill indorsed in blank, prevailed on the Drawee to pay it, upon being allowed Discount, a few Days before it became due, and indorsed a Receipt in a fictitious Name; although it was objected that the Receipt was unnecessary, the Possession of the Bill being a sufficient Discharge to the Payer, which was not strengthened by the Words written by the Prisoner; and consequently the Act of the Prisoner was of no Effect; *Taylor's Case*, Leach, Ca. 106; E. P. C. ch. 19, § 46. And in *Shepherd's Case*, 1781, the Prisoner was convicted of Forgery, in drawing, in a fictitious Name, upon a Bank which had no Account with any Person of the Name assumed; Leach, Ca. 113; E. P. C. ch. 19, § 50.

In the Case of *Eliz. Dunn*, 1765, the Prisoner, calling herself Mary Wallace, and pretending to be the Widow of John Wallace, a Seaman, deceased, applied to Harper, (a Prize Agent) to advance her Money to pay the Fees of her Husband's Will. She returned with a Probate, and produced a Certificate that she was the Mary Wallace named in the Will, and put her Mark to a Promissory Note for the Money lent, directing the Prosecutor to write the Name Mary Wallace. Judgment was respite on a Doubt whether, as the Note, though made by the Prisoner in an assumed Name, was her own Note, made and offered as her own, and not as the Note of another in Contradistinction to herself, the Offence amounted to a Forgery; which nine Judges, dissentiente *Aston*, (two being absent) held that it did; Leach, Ca. 32; East, § 49. In the Opinion of the Judges, as stated in Leach, it seems to be assumed, (contrary to the express Determination in subsequent Cases) that a Person borrowing Money upon his own Note, and merely assuming a fictitious Name without any Relation to a different Person, is not guilty of Forgery; "for (it is said) there the whole Credit is given to the Party himself: the latter accepted the Secrecy of that Person only; he has no other Remedy in view but merely against the Man he is dealing with, and the Secrecy itself is really and truly the Instrument of the Party whose Act it purports to be, however subscribed by a fictitious Name: he has therefore a Remedy upon it against the Person on whose Credit he took it, and consequently is not substantially defrauded." The Case, as warranting a Conviction, is put upon the Footing of the Prisoner assuming the Character of Executrix of Wallace, a real Person, actually entitled to Wages. The Judges also referred to the

Authority of the above-mentioned Case of Aaron Lewis, where there had been such a Prison as Richard Tough, who was really entitled to the Prize-money which it was the Object of the Forgery to obtain. Sir E. H. East, in referring to the Case upon the Authority of MS. (being the Notes of Mr. Justice Yates, interleaved in the Summary of Hale's Pleas of the Crown), states the following Principles as laid down in the Case:—1st. That if a Person give a Note or other Security as his own Note or Security, and the Credit thereupon be personal to himself, without any Relation to another, his signing such a Note with a fictitious Name may indeed be a Cheat, but will not amount to a Forgery; for in that Case it is really the Instrument of the Party whose Act it purports to be, and the Creditor had no other Security in View. But 2d. If a Note had been given in the Name of another Person either really existing or represented so to be, and in that Light to obtain a superior Credit, or induce a Trust which would not have been given to the Party himself, it is then a false Instrument, and punishable as Forgery. 3d. That the Law would be the same, though the Note or Security was thus falsely subscribed in the Presence of him who lent his Money upon it, if the Impostor and the Party whose Name is made use of were both Strangers to him; for then he would not know that such Impostor was not really the Person whose Name he assumed, and therefore he would be equally deceived. Sir E. H. East, having cited this Passage, says—“How far the first Proposition above laid down is to be taken in its utmost Latitude, has been the Subject of much Difference of Opinion, which he should proceed to consider, pursuing the Subject by Steps.”

I apprehend, however, that the subsequent Examination is beside the Question agitated in the Case of *Eliz. Dunn*; the real Question in that Case being, Whether the signing a Name by the Prisoner, not her own, in the Presence of the Person intended to be defrauded, was to be deemed Forgery, when the false Name was used with Reference to the real Name of a deceased Person, who had an actual Right to certain Property, in respect of which the Fraud was intended to be committed? there having at that Time been no Decision that the mere Signature of a fictitious Name to a given Instrument, without more, was sufficient to constitute that Offence; and the Object of the Observation was to distinguish the particular Case in which the Name falsely assumed had Relation to a really existing Character from that of the same fictitious Signature, unaccompanied by special Circumstances. The general Proposition, that the Use of a mere fictitious Name was in itself sufficient to constitute Forgery, was first established in *Bolland's Case*, before which Time it would certainly have admitted of very serious Doubt; and the contrary, as already observed, is taken for granted in the Case last examined. But after the other Authorities, by which it is completely settled that such a Case was within the Acts respecting Forgery, it would have been quite sufficient to have shewn that the Prisoner, with a fraudulent Intent, signed a Promissory Note in the Name of Mary Wallace; and it would have been perfectly unnecessary to resort to the additional Circumstance of the fraudulent Object being to obtain Credit in respect of Money actually due to the deceased, John Wallace, of whom Mary was falsely alleged to be the Representative.

A Person may be guilty of Forgery in signing his own Name, by assuming to be a different Person of the same Name; as when a Bill of Exchange, payable to J. S. came into the Hands of a Person bearing that Name, who, knowing that he is not the Person intended as Payee, indorses it. So in any other Case, where the Instrument imports to be that of a particular Individual, different from the Person by whom it is subscribed. See *Mead v. Young*, 4 T. R. 28. In the Case of *Parkes v. Brown*, 1796, it was held by the Judges, that a Note dated Rington, Salop, payable at Messrs. D. T. and Co.'s, Bankers, London, and signed Thos. Brown (the Name of one of the Prisoners), was a Forgery, although no particular Person of that Name was intended to be represented. The Ground of the Judgment was, that the Person in whose Name the Note was made was, according to the Description in the Note, resident at Rington, and it imported that he was a Correspondent of D. T. and Co. and had Money in their Hands; and he was also represented as a Brother of the Prisoner; but no such Person of that Name and Description did exist.

This Case, although supported by the highest Authority, has always appeared to me to rest upon very questionable Principles. As to the last Ground stated, of a false Representation in passing the Note, it is clear that, unless the Instrument was a Forgery in its Inception, it could not be made so by subsequent Representation; and in *Hevey's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 19, § 5; *Leach, Case 115*, when an Instrument was in the Name of M'Carty, and it was found by the Jury to have been made by a Person of that Name, the false Representation of the Prisoner, that he was the Person so named, was ruled not to support an Indictment for Forgery. It surely cannot be said that drawing a Bill upon a House with which the Drawer has no Account, or making a Note payable at a House where he has no Effects, can be considered a Forgery; and the only remaining Question is, whether dating it at a Place different from the Residence of the Person signing is sufficient to make it such. In a Case at Lancaster, about the Year 1807, before *Chambre J.* where a Bill by the Prisoner, D. Walker (who was a Pauper at Manchester), was dated Liverpool, signed D. Walker and Co. and drawn on Devaynes and Co. London, it appeared that similar Bills had been before drawn in the same Manner, and being provided for before due, had been regularly paid, although the Drawer was unknown to the House, the above Case was cited as an Authority; but the learned Judge ruled that the Evidence was not sufficient to go to the Jury.

In the Case of *Aickles, 1787*, *Leach, Ca. 202*; E. P. C. ch. 19, § 50, the Prisoner had taken a House in the Name of Mason, in which Name he drew the Bill alleged to be forged, and the Jury expressly found that he assumed the Name for the Purpose of committing the particular Fraud, there was a Difference of Opinion amongst the Judges; and, by Mistake, *Mr. J. Ashurst* gave Judgment at the O. B. that it was not a Forgery; conceiving that it had been so decided. But it may be difficult to admit that the Case involved any real Ground of Doubt, when the specific fraudulent Intention was expressly found, and the taking the House was only a Part of the Machinery of the Fraud. It was observed by *Gould J.*—"that he made the Note in the Name of another, as if his own, and clearly with Intent to defraud. Whether there existed a Person of that Name or not was immaterial: the Felony consisted in the Intent to defraud under the Falsity. One might assume a feigned Name, and make a Draft in it, and yet innocently, as if he concealed himself to avoid Arrest, and appointed his Friend, on whom he drew, to pay his Bills; or, giving Notes, took Care to pay them when due; but the Prisoner, having no such Intention, but, on the contrary, to defraud the Party by making the Note under such disguised Name, by which, after he left the Place of Concealment, he could not be traced, the Case amounted to Forgery." *Sir E. H. East* comments upon this Case at length, and says, that he cannot help suspecting that much of the Difficulty in those Cases arises from mistaking Matters of Fact for Matters of Law, and confounding the two together. And this seems to be the true View of the Case; for if the Use of the assumed Name is intended to commit a Fraud in the particular Instance, there is no Reason for not treating it as a Forgery, although that may only be Part of a more general System of Fraud, which such Assumption is intended to carry into effect. In the Case of *Hadfield, at Carlisle, 1803*, the Prisoner had appeared in the Neighbourhood of the Lakes in Cumberland, pretending to be the Honble. Alexander Augustus Hope, Brother of the Earl of Hopetoun, and in that Name induced a young Woman to marry him, and imposed upon several Persons in the Neighbourhood. During his Residence he drew the Bill in Question, upon a Gentleman to whom he was known by that Name, which probably would have been paid, if the grand Deception had not in the mean Time been discovered. For this Forgery he was convicted and executed; but a material Ingredient in the Case was his assuming the Name and Character of a really existing Person.

The Indictment must set out the forged Instrument in Words and Figures; and it is not sufficient to state the Purport of it; *Mason's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 19, § 53. It is sufficient to charge the Prisoner with forging a given Instrument, as follows; setting out the Tenor; *R. v. Powell. 2 Bl. Rep. 787*; and this is now the constant Form of the Indictments preferred on the Part of the Bank of England. But the setting out the Act forged is not in all Cases sufficient, as it may be necessary to shew, by Relation to some other Subject, that the Forgery is of one of the Instruments mentioned in the

Statutes. In *Hunter's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 19. § 36; *Leach*, Ca. 273. the Indictment stated that the Prisoner, being in Possession of a Navy Bill, (which was set forth) forged a Receipt as follows, viz. "Wm. Thornton;" which was holden to be not sufficient; though the Name, coupled with the Navy Bill, might together form a Receipt: but then it ought to be so stated, as in a Case referred to in C. C. C. wherein it was stated that the Prisoner, H. P. having in his Custody a certain Warrant (particularly mentioned) for Payment of £8 to W. D. on the Back of which Warrant W. D. had signed his Name, which said Warrant, together with the said Indorsement, did purport to be a Receipt under the Hand of the said W. D. for the said Sum of £8, the said H. P. did feloniously alter, &c. In *Testick's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 19. § 36. the Indictment charged the forging a Receipt for Money, as follows: "Received the Contents above, by me, S. W." which was held sufficient, without setting out the Account to which the Receipt was subjoined.

Where the Indictment contained the word *received* instead of *record*, in the Instrument produced, the Variation was held to be not material, as it did not change the Word. The Question was said to be as to the Word; not the Letter; unless by Addition, Omission, or Alteration it becomes another Word. *Hart's Case*, MS. Crown Cas. Res. 57; E. P. C. ch. 19. § 54; *Leach* Ca. 78.

An Indictment for forging an Instrument is supported by proving an Alteration in any material Part, as by changing a Figure, or altering the Sum in Letters; *Dawson's Case*, 3 Geo. I.; 1 Str. 19; *Teague's Case*, 1802; E. P. C. ch. 19. § 55. But it is more usual, at least in one Count, to lay the Forgery as an Alteration, specifying the Particulars.

An Indictment may charge the Prisoner with forging a Writing, purporting to be an Instrument of a particular Kind; *Beech and Martin's Case*, 2 Bl. Rep. 790: but if the Writing upon the Face of it is not such as the Indictment states the Purport to be, the Indictment cannot be sustained; as where the Indictment was for forging a Bill purporting to be directed to one John King by the Name of Ring, and the name *King* only appeared in the Bill, although King was the Person interested; *Reading's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 19. § 56. *Leach*, Ca. 264.

So when the Charge was for forging an Order, purporting to be directed to G. Lord Kinnaird, Wm. Morland, &c. by the Description of Messrs. Ransom, Morland and Hammersley, and the Tenor set out was of a Bill directed to R. M. and H. the Judgment was arrested, because the Word Purport imports what appears on the Face of the Instrument: it means the apparent, and not the legal Import; *Gillechrist's Case*, East, ubi supra; *Leach*, Ca. 280. (In fact Lord K. and the other Persons mentioned were Bankers, under the firm of R. M. and H.) So *Fidall's Case*, East, ibid. where the Purport of a forged Bill was in like Manner stated, with the actual Names of the Drawers, and not with the Name of the Firm, as appearing on the Face of the Bill.

The Indictment must specify the Nature of the Instrument forged. Where an Indictment for forging an Obligation in a certain Sum, without a Condition, described it as a *Bond and Writing obligatory*, it was objected, that it ought to have been called a Writing obligatory; having neither a Defeazance nor Penalty annexed to it; and that, although a Bond was a Writing obligatory, yet the Converse did not hold. The Judges held the Conviction right; *Dunnett's Case*, East, § 58. It is stated in East, as an Inference from this Case, that a superfluous Description does not appear to be objectionable: but I am by no means satisfied that the Term Bond is not properly applicable to an Obligation without a Condition, although, for the sake of Distinction, it is more usually called a Single Bill. See 2 Bl. Com. 340.

An Indictment may be maintained on the 2d. Geo. II. stating that the Prisoner did feloniously alter, by forging and adding a Cypher, although the Word *alter* is not in that Statute; the words being "shall falsely make, forge and counterfeit:" but the Indictment was admitted to be rather informal; *Elsworth's Case*. E. P. C. ibid.

The Indictment must alledge an Intent to defraud some Person or Persons, or, by 18 Geo. III. c. 18. some Corporation; but it need not appear how the Act was to operate in Fraud of such Person or Corporation, although they may not be mentioned in the Writing forged; that being Matter of Evidence; *Powell's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 19, § 59; *Elsworth's Case*, ibid.—There

are always several Counts in the Indictment, charging an Intent to defraud all such Persons or Bodies Corporate as could be affected by the Success of the Forgery; but as the Intention to commit a Fraud at the Time of the Forgery is usually general, and intended to impose rather upon the Person to whom the forged Instrument may be accidentally offered, (particularly in the Case of Bank Notes and negotiable Instruments) I think it would be desirable to pass an Act, rendering it unnecessary to state the Name of any Person or Corporation intended to be defrauded.

With regard to the Evidence, an Indictment for forging a Receipt, with Intent to defraud A. B. C. &c. Stewards of the Fund of the Sons of the Clergy, was sustained by Proof of forging an Indenture of Apprenticeship, with a Receipt for the Premium, in order to obtain the Assistance which the Stewards are appointed to distribute; Jones and Pullen's Case, Leach, Ca. 168 — An Indictment for Forgery can only be sustained in the County where the Forgery is actually committed, which is a Question for the Jury; but there must be some Proof to warrant the Conclusion. See Parke's Case, E. P. C. ch. 19. § 61. In that Case there was no Proof, except an uttering by the Prisoner's Confederae. — I remember a Case at Lancaster, in the Year 1798, where a Clerk of a Mercantile House at Liverpool had stolen several Bills, and was afterwards apprehended on board a Sloop in the Downs, with a forged Indorsement of the Drawee on one of the Bills; and Rooke J. without any Evidence to shew a greater Probability of the Forgery being committed in Lancashire than in any intermediate County, thought there was enough to go to the Jury, who, however, acquitted the Prisoner.

A Confederae cannot be convicted of altering, unless present, or so near as to be able to aid and assist; Soare's and Atkinson's Case E. P. C. ch. 19. § 52.

By several Cases it is established, that a Person whose Name is forged, and who could have any Interest in invalidating the Instrument, if genuine, is an incompetent Witness to prove the Forgery. See the Cases upon the Subject, East ch. 19. § 61 to 68. Many Persons have doubted the Correctness of this Rule; and it certainly, in many Cases, defeats the Purposes of Justice. But where the Party can have no Interest, as a Cashier of the Bank, or a living Person whose Will has been forged, (Newland's, Coogan's, and Stirling's Cases, East, ch. 19. § 67, 68) the Objection does not apply. And in a Case of this Kind, Gould and Yates Justices disallowed other Evidence to be given of the Hand-writing being forged, without positive Evidence of the Party being dead, although the Forgery charged was of the Writing of a Person resident in the West Indies; Smith's Case, E. P. C. ch. 19, § 67. I am much inclined to think that such Objection would not now prevail; and in Fact, the Forgery of the Signatures of Clerks to the Bank is constantly proved by other Persons.

On account of the limited Nature of the Subjects, I think it is sufficient to refer generally to the Cases of Forgery mentioned in the several Statutes following, viz.—Forgeries of Instruments relating to the South Sea Company, by 9 Anne, c. 21, § 57. 6 Geo. I. c. 11, § 50. 12 Geo. I. c. 32, § 9; Forgeries relating to the East India Company by 12 Geo. I. c. 32, § 9; the London and Royal Exchange Assurance, 6 Geo. I. c. 18; the Governor and Company of British Cut Plate Glass Manufactory, 38 Geo. III. c. 17; Forgeries relating to Stock created by the Parliament of Ireland, and of which the Shares are transferable and Dividends payable at the Bank of England, 35 Geo. III. c. 66, § 5; Contracts relating to the Redemption of the Land Tax, 42 Geo. III. c. 116, § 194; the Register of Births or Baptisms of Nominées in respect of Annuities granted by 48 Geo. III. c. 142; the Provisions by the several Acts respecting Lotteries or Exchequer Bills, or other particular Instruments; Documents relating to Suits in Chancery, by 12 Geo. I. c. 32; the Memorials of Register of Deeds, under the Authority of the Acts relating to Middlesex and the several Ridings of Yorkshire; the Forgery of Instruments relating to the Excise, by 46 Geo. III. c. 75; of the Customs, by 46 Geo. III. c. 150. and several other Cases; many of which particular Provisions were originally, or have since become, unnecessary, as included in Statutes of general Operation.

As to forging Prefines, see 32 Geo. II. c. 14, ante, Pt. II. Cl. X. No. 24; Register of Marriages, 26 Geo. II, c. 33, ante, Pt. I. Cl. III. No. 5.

For the Forgery of Stamps, see Stat. 52 Geo. III. c. 143. post, Class 14, and Notes.

No. 1.

5 Elizabeth, c. 14. — An Act against Forgers of false Deeds and Writings.

FORASMUCH as the wicked, pernicious and dangerous Practice of making, forging and publishing false and untrue Charters, Evidences, Deeds and Writings, hath of late Time been very much more practised, used and put in Ure in all Parts of this Realm, than in Times passed, not only to the high Displeasure of God, but also to the great Injury, Wrong, Hurt, Damage, Disherison and utter undoing of divers the Queen's Majesty's Subjects of this Realm, and to the great Subversion of Justice and Truth, which seemeth to have grown and happened chiefly by reason that the Pains and Punishments limited for such great and notable Offences, by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, before this Time have been and yet are so small, mild and easy, that such evil People have not been nor yet are afraid to enterprise the practising and doing of such Offences:

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 14.

The several
Penalties for
forging of Deeds
the first or
second Time,
&c.

The Mildness of
the Law hath
increased the
forging of
Deeds.

II. Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, with the Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, after the first day of *June* now next coming, upon his or their own Head and Imagination, or by false Conspiracy and Fraud with others, shall wittingly, subtilly and falsely forge or make, or subtilly cause or wittingly assent to be forged or made, any false Deed, Charter or Writing sealed, Court Roll, or the Will of any Person or Persons in Writing, to the Intent that the State of Freehold or Inheritance of any Person or Persons, of, in or to any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, Freehold or Copyhold, or the Right, Title or Interest of any Person or Persons, of, in or to the same, or any of them, shall or may be molested, troubled, defeated, recovered or charged; or after the said first Day of *June* shall pronounce, publish or shew forth in Evidence, any such false and forged Deed, Charter, Writing, Court Roll or Will, as true, knowing the same to be false and forged, as is aforesaid, to the Intent above remembred, and shall be thereof convicted, either upon Action or Actions of Forger of false Deeds, to be founded upon this Statute, at the Suit of the Party grieved, or otherwise according to the Order and due Course of the Laws of this Realm, or upon Bill or Information to be exhibited into the Court of the Star-Chamber, according to the Order and Use of that Court, shall pay unto the Party grieved his double Costs and Damages, to be found or assessed in that Court where such Conviction shall be, and also shall be set upon the Pillory in some open Market Town, or other open Place, and there to have both his Ears cut off, and also his Nostrils to be slit and cut, and seared with a hot Iron, so as they may remain for a perpetual Note or Mark of his Falshood, and shall forfeit to the

Made Felony
by 2 G. 2. c. 25.
& 9 G. 2. c. 18.

The Penalty for
forging or pub-
lishing of a false
Deed, whereby
another's Free-
hold shall be
troubled.

No. 1.
Elizabeth,
c. 14.

Queen our Sovereign Lady, her Heirs and Successors, the whole Issues and Profits of his Lands and Tenements during his Life, and also shall suffer and have perpetual Imprisonment during his Life; The said Damages and Costs to be recovered at the Suit of the Party grieved as is aforesaid, to be first paid and levied of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, and of the Issues and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of such Party convicted or of one or both of them; the said Title of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Heirs or Successors, to the same notwithstanding.

Forging of a
Deed, whereby
a Lease or An-
nuity may be
claimed.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons after the said first day of *June*, upon his or their own Head or Imagination, or by false Conspiration or Fraud had with any other, shall wittingly, subtilly and falsly forge or make, or wittingly, subtilly and falsly cause or assent to be made and forged, any false Charter, Deed or Writing, to the Intent that any Person or Persons shall or may have or claim any Estate or Interest for Term of Years, of, in or to any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, not being Copyhold, or any Annuity in Fee-simple, Fee-tail or for Term of Life, Lives or Years; or after the said Day shall as is aforesaid forge, make or cause or assent to be made or forged, any Obligation or Bill obligatory, or any Acquittance, Release or other Discharge of any Debt, Accompt, Action, Suit, Demand or other Things Personal; or if any Person or Persons after the said first day of *June* shall pronounce, publish or give in Evidence, any such false and forged Charter, Deed, Writing, Obligation, Bill obligatory, Acquittance, Release or Discharge, as true, knowing the same to be false and forged, and shall be thereof convicted by any the Ways or Means aforesaid: That then he shall pay unto the Party grieved his double Costs and Damages, to be found and assessed in such Court where the said Conviction shall be had, and shall be also set upon the Pillory in some open Market-Town or other open Place, and there to have one of his Ears cut off, and shall also have and suffer Imprisonment by the Space of one whole Year, without Bail or Mainprize.

Forging of an
Obligation, Ac-
quittance, Re-
lease, &c.

The several Re-
medies of the
Party grieved
against the
Offender.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Party and Parties grieved by reason of any the Offences aforesaid, shall and may, at his and their Pleasure, have and sue his Action of Forger of false Deeds upon this Statute, against any the Offenders in the same, by original Writ out of the Queen's Highness Court of Chancery, and shall and may have like Process upon the same, as in Cases of Trespass at the Common Law; or may at his Pleasure take his Suit against any such Offenders in any the Premises, by Bill before the Queen's Highness, her Heirs and Successors, in her Court commonly called the King's Bench, or in the Court of the Exchequer; in which Suits no Essoin, Injunction or Protection shall be allowed for the Party Defendant.

He that is once
punished for an

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Party Defendant shall be convicted of any the

Offences aforesaid, according to the Order and Form above limited, and shall have received thereupon Punishment Corporal according to this Act; that then he shall not afterwards be impeached for the same Offence.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That although the Party or Parties Plaintiff in any such Action or Bill to be sued, as is aforesaid, shall after Verdict passed against the Defendant or Defendants, happen to release or discharge the Judgment or Execution upon the same, or otherwise suffer the same to be discontinued: That yet, nevertheless the same Release, Discharge or Discontinuance, shall extend only to discharge such Costs and Damages as the same Plaintiff should have had against the Defendant; and that the Judges before whom the said Action or Suit shall be taken, shall and may proceed to Judgment of and upon the Residue of the said Penalties and Forfeitures, and to command Execution upon the same; the said Release, Discontinuance, or other Discharge had, made, done or suffered by the Party Plaintiff, in any wise notwithstanding; this Act or any Thing therein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, being hereafter convicted or condemned of any the Offences aforesaid, by any the Ways or Means above limited, shall after any such his or their Conviction or Condemnation afterwards commit or perpetrate any of the said Offences in Form aforesaid; that then every such second Offence or Offences shall be adjudged Felony; and the Parties being thereof convicted or attainted according to the Laws of this Realm, shall suffer such Pains of Death, Loss and Forfeiture of their Goods, Chattels, Lands and Tenements, as in Cases of Felony by the Common Laws of this Realm ought to be lost or forfeited, without having any Advantage or Benefit of Clergy or Sanctuary; Saving to every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, their Heirs and Successors, other than the said Offenders, and such as claim to their Uses, all such Rights, Titles, Interests, Possessions, Liberties of Distresses, Leases, Rents, Reversions, Offices and other Profits and Advantages, which they or any of them shall have at the Time of such Conviction or Attainder, of, in or to any the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of any such Person so as is aforesaid convicted or attainted, or at any Time before, in as large and as ample Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had never been had ne made.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any such Conviction or Attainder of Felony, as is aforesaid, or any Forfeiture by reason of the same, shall not in any wise extend to take away the Dower of the Wife of any such Person attainted, nor to the Corruption of Blood, or Disherison of any the Heir or Heirs of any such Person or Persons so attainted; this Act, or any Thing therein

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 14.

Offence shall not after be impeached for the same

The Plaintiff's Release shall discharge only his own Remedy.

The second Offence Felony.

There shall be no Forfeiture of Dower or Corruption of Blood for this Felony.

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 14.

Officials or Re-
gisters putting a
Seal to a Will.

Which Justices
may hear and
determine these
Offences.

A Repeal of all
other Statutes
made against
Forgery.

To what Per-
sons this Statute
shall not extend.

Forging of
Deeds before
this Statute,
or presently
after.

contained, or any other Statute, Law, Usage, Custom, or Thing heretofore used to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to charge any Ordinary, or any their Commissaries, Officials, Registers or any other their Officers or Ministers, with any the Offences aforesaid, for putting their Seal of Office to any Will to be exhibited unto them, not knowing the same to be false or forged, or for writing of the said Will or Probate of the same; this Act or any Thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding,

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Justices of *Oyer* and *Determiner*, and Justices of Assise in their Circuits and every of them, shall have full Power and Authority in every of their Open and General Sessions, to enquire, hear and determine of all and every the Offences aforesaid committed or done within the Limits of their Commission, and to make Process for the Execution of the same, as they may do against any Person being indicted before them of Trespass, or lawfully convicted thereof.

XI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all other Statutes heretofore made and provided for Forgery of false Deeds, Charters, Muniments or Writings, and all and every Penalty appointed by the same, shall from and after the said first Day of *June* be void and of none Effect in the Law; any such Statute or Thing therein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

XII. Provided always, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend or be hurtful in any wise to any Proctor, Advocate or Register of any Ecclesiastical Court within this Realm, for the writing, setting forth or Pleading of any Proxy made according to the Ecclesiastical Laws or Customs heretofore used and allowed by the Ecclesiastical Courts of this Realm, for the Appearance of any Person or Persons being cited to appear in any of the said Courts Ecclesiastical, nor to any Archdeacon or Official, for putting their authentick Seal to the said Proxy or Proxies, neither yet to any Judge Ecclesiastical for admitting of the same: But that they and every of them may hereafter do in all Points concerning the same, as they and every of them might lawfully have done before the making of this Act; any Thing in this Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, that hath of his or their own Head, or by false Conspiracy and Fraud with any other, wittingly, subtilly and falsely forged or made, or shall before the first Day of *June* forge and make any false Deed, Charter or Writing sealed, or the Will of any Person in Writing, or any Court-Roll, to the Intent that the Estate of Freehold or Inheritance, or the Right, Title or Interest of Inheritance or Freehold of any

Person or Persons, of, in or to any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, being Freehold or Copyhold, or that by any such forged Deed, Charter, Court-Roll or Writing, before the said first Day of June shall or may be molested, troubled or defeated of any of the said Estates of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, being Freehold or Copyhold: Or if any Person or Persons have heretofore published or shewed forth in Evidence, or before the said first Day shall publish or shew in Evidence for the Proof of any Title, any false or forged Deed, Charter, Writing, Will or Court-Roll, as true, knowing the same to be false and forged as is aforesaid, to the Intent above remembred, and shall be thereof attainted or convicted, according to the Order of the Laws of this Realm, either in an Action of Forger of false *Fuits*, or in an Action upon the Case at the Suit of the Party grieved, his Heirs, Executors or Assigns, that then the Party so convicted shall pay and yield Damages and Costs of Suit to the Plaintiff, as shall be assessed according to the Order of the Laws of this Realm in any such like Action or Suit, and shall suffer Imprisonment and pay Fine and Ransom at the Pleasure of the Queen's Majesty, her Heirs and Successors.

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 14.

XIV. And if any Person or Persons shall after the said first Day of June, plead, publish or shew forth in Evidence or otherwise, for the Proof of any Title, any false and forged Deed, Charter, Writing, Will or Court-Roll, heretofore falsely made and forged, or to be falsely made and forged before the said first Day of June, as true, knowing the same to be false and forged, to the Intent to have or claim thereby any Estate of Inheritance, Freehold, or Lease of Years, in or to any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Annuity, Rent or Profit, forth of any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments; or to the Intent to alter, defeat, molest, trouble, charge or recover the Estate of Inheritance, Freehold, or for Years, of any Person in any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents or Hereditaments; That then every Person and Persons that shall so offend, and shall be thereof convicted in Form first above remembred, shall pay unto the Party grieved, double Costs and Damages; and shall have Imprisonment, Loss of Ears, slitting and searing of Nose, and Forfeiture of Lands, in the same Manner and Form as above is limited, for any Person that shall offend by forging or publishing of any false Deed or Writing as is aforesaid, after the aforesaid first Day of June.

The Penalty
for pleading or
publishing a
forged Deed
made before
this Statute, or
shortly after.

XV. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, nor any Pain, Forfeiture or Thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Attorney, Lawyer or Counsellor that shall for his Client plead, shew forth or give in Evidence any false and forged Deed, Charter, Will, Court-Roll, or other Writing, for true or good, being not party or privy to the forging of the same, for the pleading, shewing forth or giving in Evidence of the same; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Lawyer or
Attorney plead-
ing a forged
Deed.

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth.
c. 14.
Pleading a Writing exemplified, or setting a seal to the same.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Person or Persons that shall plead or shew forth any Deed or Writing exemplified under the Great Seal of *England*, or under the Seal of any other authentick Court of this Realm; nor shall extend to any Judge or Justice, or other Person, that shall cause any Seal of any Court to be set to any such Deed, Chatter or Writing intolled, not knowing the same to be false or forged; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 2.

21 James I. c. 26. — An Act against such as shall levy any Fine, suffer any Recovery, acknowledge any Statute, Recognizance, Bail, or Judgment, in the Name of any other Person or Persons not being privy and consenting thereto.*

No. 2.
21 James I.
c. 26.

‘WHEREAS it is of late grown to be a great and general Grievance to his Majesty’s Subjects within the Realm of *England*, and the Dominion of *Wales*, that many lewd Persons of base Condition, for very little Reward or Recompence, have of late Years used and still do use to levy Fines, and suffer Recoveries of Lands and other Hereditaments, to acknowledge Statutes, Recognizances, Bails, and Judgments, in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons not privy or consenting to the same, which hath and daily doth turn to the great Inquietation, Charge, Trouble, and Undoing of many of the good Subjects of this Kingdom, and the rather, for that there is no Remedy in Law to reform these and the like Abuses:’

Felony to levy a Fine, suffer a Recovery, &c. in another’s Name not privy thereto.

II. For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Common, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons which at any Time after the End of this present Session of Parliament shall acknowledge, or procure to be acknowledged, any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, Deed or Deeds intolled, Statute or Statutes, Recognizance or Recognizances, Bail or Bails, Judgment or Judgments, in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons not privy or consenting to the same, and being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, shall be adjudged, esteemed, and taken to be Felons; and suffer the Pains of Death, and incur such Forfeitures and Penalties, as Felons in other Cases convicted or attainted do by the Laws of *England* lose and forfeit, without the Benefit or Privilege of Clergy to be allowed to any such Offender

This Felony shall not corrupt the Blood, nor take away Dower.

* Extended to Bail taken before Commissioners by 4 W. and M. c. 4. § 4. Pt. III. Cl. III. No. 16.

or Offenders. Provided always, That such Attainder shall not be any Corruption of Blood, nor Loss of Dowry to the Wife, but the next Heir shall have the Lands whereof such Person attainted died seised, and such Wife her Dowry, as if no such Attainder had been had.

No. 2.
21 James I.
c. 26.

III. Provided always, and be it likewise enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall not extend to any Judgment or Judgments acknowledged by any Attorney or Attornies of Record, for any Person or Persons against whom any such Judgment or Judgments shall be had or given.

An Attorney
may do it, where
Judgment is
given.

No. 3.

8 George I. c. 22.—An Act to prevent the Breach by forging Powers to transfer such Stocks, or to receive such Annuities or Dividends as are therein mentioned, or by fraudulently personating the true Owners thereof; and to rectify Mistakes of the late Managers for taking Subscriptions for increasing the Capital Stock of the South-Sea Company, and in the Instruments founded thereupon.

19.

• I. WHEREAS of late divers Frauds and Abuses have been committed by forging and counterfeiting the Hands of some of the Proprietors of the Shares of and in the Capital Stock and Funds of such Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, as are established by Act or Acts of Parliament in that Behalf, or some of them, or by forging or counterfeiting the Hands of Persons entitled to the Dividends attending the said Shares, or some of them, or by forging or counterfeiting the Hands of Persons entitled to Annuities, in respect whereof the Proprietors have transferrable Shares in a Capital Stock or Stocks established by Act or Acts of Parliament, in Proportion to their respective Annuities; and divers Frauds and Abuses have been or may be committed by Persons falsly and deceitfully personating the true and real Proprietors of the said Shares in Stock, Annuities and Dividends, or some of them: Now for the better preventing such pernicious Practices for the Future, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the first Day of March one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any Letter of Attorney, or other Authority or Instrument to transfer, assign, sell or convey any such Share or Shares, or any Part of such Share or Shares of and in such Capital Stock or Stocks as aforesaid, or any of them, or to receive any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend

No. 3.
8 George I.
c. 22.

After 1 March,
1721, forging
Letters of At-
torney, &c.

No. 3.
8 George I.
c. 22.
or counterfeit-
ing Names of
Proprietors, &c.

or falsely per-
sonating real
Proprietors of
Shares, &c.
Felony.

or Dividends as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part thereof, or shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any the Name or Names of any the Proprietors of any such Share or Shares in Stock, or of any the Persons entitled to any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends as aforesaid, in or to any such pretended Letter of Attorney, Instrument or Authority, or shall knowingly and fraudulently demand, or endeavour to have any such Share or Shares in Stock, or any Part thereof, transferred, assigned, sold or conveyed, or such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, or any Part thereof, to be received by Virtue of any such counterfeit or forged Letter of Attorney, Authority or Instrument, or shall falsely and deceitfully personate any true and real Proprietors of the said Shares in Stock, Annuities and Dividends, or any of them, or any Part thereof, and thereby transferring or endeavouring to transfer the Stock, or receiving or endeavouring to receive the Money of such true and lawful Proprietor, as if such Offender were the true and lawful Owner thereof; then and in every or any such Case, all and every such Person and Persons (being thereof lawfully convicted in due Form of Law) shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 4.

10.

12 George I. c. 32. -- An Act for better securing the Monies and Effects of the Suitors of the Court of Chancery; and to prevent the Counterfeiting of East India Bonds, and Indorsements thereon; as likewise Indorsements on South-Sea Bonds.

No. 4.
12 George I.
c. 32.

Forging the
Hand of the
Accountant to
a Certificate to
receive Suitors
Effects in the
Bank,

IX. **A**ND be it likewise further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the first Day of *May* in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six, forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting the Name or Hand of the said Accountant General, the said Register, the said Clerk of the Report-Office, or any of the Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to any Certificate, Report, Entry, Indorsement, Declaration of Trust, Note, Direction, Authority, Instrument or Writing whatsoever, for or in order to the receiving or obtaining any the Money or Effects of any of the Suitors of the said Court of Chancery, or shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or wilfully act or assist in forging or counterfeiting any Certificate, Report, Entry, Indorsement, Declaration of Trust, Note, Direction, Authority, Instrument or Writing in Form of a Certificate, Report, Entry, Indorsement, Declaration of Trust,

Note, Direction, Authority, Instrument or Writing, made by such Accountant General, Register, Clerk of the Report Office, or any of the Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any Bond or Obligation under the Common Seal of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, or any Indorsement or Assignment thereon, or on any Bond or Obligation under the Common Seal of the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South-Seas* and other Parts of *America*, and for encouraging the Fishery; or shall utter or publish any such, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, with Intention to defraud any Person whatsoever; then every such Person and Persons so offending (being thereof lawfully convicted) shall be and is hereby declared and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in case of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 4.
12 George I.
c. 32.
or any East-India or South-Sea Bond, is Felony without Clergy.

No. 5.

2 George II. c. 25.—An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury and Subornation of Perjury; and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes or other Securities for Payment of Money.

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[See the other Parts of the Act Cl. VII. *supra*, Cl. XVII. *infra*.]

‘WHEREAS the wicked, pernicious and abominable Crimes of Forgery, Perjury and Subornation of Perjury, have of late Time been so much practised, to the Subversion of common Truth and Justice, and Prejudice of Trade and Credit, that it is necessary, for the more effectual preventing of such enormous Offences, to inflict a more exemplary Punishment on such Offenders, than by the Laws of this Realm can now be done;’ Be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person, from and after the twenty-ninth Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, shall falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, or forged, counterfeited, or wilfully act or assist in the false making, forging or counterfeiting any Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange, or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, or any Acquittance or Receipt, either for Money or Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person whatsoever, or shall utter or publish as true, any false, forged or counterfeited Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note

No. 5.
2 George II.
To forge any Deed, &c. Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 5.
2 George II.
c. 25.

for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Acquittance or Receipt, either for Money or Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person, knowing the same to be false, forged or counterfeited; then every such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted according to the due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 6.

No. 6.
4 George II.
c. 18.

4 George II. c. 18. -- An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Passes, commonly called *Mediterranean Passes*.

WHEREAS certain Treaties or Conventions have been concluded, and are subsisting between the King's most Excellent Majesty and the several States and Governments of *Barbary*, for establishing and preserving a firm and inviolable Peace between his Majesty and the said States and Governments and their respective Dominions and Subjects, by which Treaties it is stipulated and agreed, That all Ships and Vessels belonging to his Majesty, or any of his Subjects, may freely pass the Seas, and safely enter and come into the Ports and Harbours of the said respective States and Governments, without any Lett, Hindrance, Seizure or Molestation, upon producing Passes of a certain Form under the Hand and Seal of the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being; and in Conformity to those Treaties, and pursuant to several Orders of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, such Passes have from Time to Time been issued and are commonly called *Mediterranean Passes*: And whereas divers wicked and ill-disposed Persons, Subjects of his Majesty, have made and forged such Passes, and have counterfeited the Seal of the said Office and the Hands of several of the Commissioners for executing the said Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and have sold and published such false and counterfeit Passes in Parts beyond the Seas, or elsewhere, which Practices do not only tend to the manifest Prejudice of his Majesty's Revenue and the Loss and Damage of the Merchants of this Kingdom, by subjecting their Ships, Persons and Effects to be seized and detained; but may also occasion a Breach of the Peace, Amity and Friendship between this Kingdom and the States and Governments aforementioned, should such Offenders go unpunished: And whereas the said Crimes and Offences, being frequently committed in foreign Parts, are not triable or cognizable in any Court of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*: For remedying such Defect and Inconvenience, and also for inflicting a more exemplary Punishment upon such Offenders,

Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons, after the twenty-fourth Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, shall within *Great Britain or Ireland*, or any other his Majesty's Dominions, or without, falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or wittingly or knowingly act or assist in the false making, forging or counterfeiting any Pass or Passes for any Ship or Ships whatsoever, commonly called a *Mediterranean Pass* or *Mediterranean Passes*, or shall counterfeit the Seal of the said Office, or the Hand or Hands of the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain and Ireland* for the Time being, or of any Commissioner or Commissioners for executing the said Office for the Time being, to any such Pass or Passes, or shall alter or erase any true and authentick Pass or Passes issued or made out by the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain and Ireland*, or the Commissioners for executing the said Office for the Time being, or shall utter or publish as true any such false, forged, counterfeited, altered or erased Pass or Passes, knowing the same to be false, forged, counterfeited, altered or erased, all and every such Person and Persons, being in due Form of Law convicted of any of the Offences aforesaid in any proper Court of *Great Britain, Ireland*, or any of his Majesty's Plantations beyond the Seas, where such Offence shall be committed respectively, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 6.
4 George II.
c. 18.
Counterfeiting
Mediterranean
Passes, Felony
without Benefit
of Clergy.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Crimes and Offences before-mentioned, which shall be done or committed in any Country or Place out of *Great Britain*, either within the Dominions of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or without, shall and may be enquired of, tried, heard, determined and adjudged in any Shire or County of *Great Britain*, by virtue of the King's Commission or Commissions of *Oyer and Terminer* and *Gaol Delivery*, or before any Court of *Justiciary* in *Scotland* respectively, in the same Manner as if such Offence or Offences was or were done or committed within the same County or Shire where such Offender or Offenders shall be tried; any Law, Statute, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

These Crimes
committed in his
Majesty's
Dominions, or
without, may be
tried in any
Shire of *Great
Britain, &c.*

No. 7.

7 George II. c. 22.---An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging the Acceptance of Bills of Exchange, or the Numbers or principal Sums of accountable Receipts for Notes, Bills, or other Securities for Payment of Money, or Warrants or Orders for Payment of Money, or Delivery of Goods.

No. 7.
7 George II.
c. 22.

2 G. 2. c. 25.

‘ **W**HEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the second Year of his present Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury, and Subornation of Perjury, and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes or other Securities for Payment of Money,” it is amongst other Things enacted, That if any Person from and after the twenty-ninth Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the false making, forging or counterfeiting any Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing Obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange, or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, or any Acquittance or Receipt, either for Money or Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person whatsoever, or shall utter or publish as true, any false, forged, or counterfeited Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing Obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Acquittance or Receipt, either for Money or Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited; then every such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted, according to the due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy: And whereas no Punishment is inflicted by the said Act upon any Person who shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the false making, altering, forging or counterfeiting any Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, or the Number or principal Sum of any accountable Receipt for any Note, Bill or other Security for Payment of Money, or any Warrant or Order for Payment of Money, or Delivery of Goods, or who shall knowingly utter or publish the same as true; Be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person from and after the twenty-fourth Day of June one thousand seven hundred and thirty-four, shall falsely make, alter,

After 24 June 1734, Persons convicted of forging or altering the Acceptance of Bills of Exchange, or the

forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the false making, altering, forging or counterfeiting any Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, or the Number or Principal Sum of any accountable Receipt for any Note, Bill or other Security for Payment of Money, or any Warrant or Order for Payment of Money, or Delivery of Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person whatsoever, or shall utter or publish as true, any false, altered, forged or counterfeited Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, or accountable Receipt for any Note, Bill or other Security for Payment of Money, or Warrant or Order for Payment of Money, or Delivery of Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged or counterfeited; then every such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted according to the due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 7.
7 George II.
c. 22.

Sums of accountable Receipts, &c.

shall suffer Death as Felons.

No. 8.

15 George II. c. 13.—An Act for establishing an Agreement with the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, for advancing the Sum of one million six hundred thousand Pounds, towards the Supply for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and forty-two.

XI. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall forge, counterfeit or alter any Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, Dividend Warrant, or any Bond or Obligation under the Common Seal of the said Company, or any Indorsement thereon, or shall offer or dispose of or put away any such forged, counterfeit, or altered Note, Bill, Dividend Warrant, Bond or Obligation, or the Indorsement thereon, or demand the Money therein contained or pretended to be due thereon, or any Part thereof, of the said Company, or any their Officers or Servants, knowing such Note, Bill, Dividend Warrant, Bond or Obligation, or the Indorsement thereon, to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, with Intent to defraud the said Company, or their Successors, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever; every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 8.
15 George II.
c. 13.

Persons counterfeiting, or altering Bank Notes, &c. to suffer Death.

No. 9.

- 31 George II. c. 22.—An Act for granting to his Majesty several Rates and Duties upon Offices and Pensions; and upon Houses; and upon Windows or Lights; and for raising the Sum of five Millions by Annuities, and a Lottery, to be charged on the said Rates and Duties.

No. 9.

31 George II.
c. 22.

Numbers of the
Fortunate Tic-
kets, and the
Sums to be
printed.
Disputes relat-
ing thereto, to
be adjusted by
the Managers.
Penalty of forg-
ing Tickets or
Certificates.

LV. **A**ND, to the end the Fortunate may know, whether absent or present, to what Degree they have been so; Be it enacted, That as soon as the Drawing is over, the said Managers are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be, to cause to be printed and published the Number of the Tickets drawn against each Fortunate Ticket, and the Principal Sum written on the same; and if any Contention or Dispute shall arise in adjusting the Property of the said Fortunate Tickets, the major part of the said Managers agreeing therein, shall determine to whom it doth belong: And if any Person or Persons shall forge or counterfeit any Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, to be made forth in pursuance of this Act, or made forth, or to be made forth, on any former Lottery Act, or alter any the Numbers thereof, or utter, vend, barter or dispose of, or offer to dispose of, any false, altered, forged or counterfeited Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, or bring any forged or counterfeit Ticket or Certificate, or any Ticket or Certificate the Number whereof is altered (knowing the same to be such) to the said Managers, or any of them, or the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or their Cashier or Cashiers, or Accomptant General for the time being, or to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to the Intent to defraud his Majesty, or any Contributor or Adventurer, or the Executors, Administrators, Successors or Assigns, of any Contributor or Adventurer upon this Act, with a fraudulent Intention; then every such Person, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy: And the said Managers and Directors, or any two or more of them, are hereby authorised and required to cause any Person or Persons bringing or uttering such forged or counterfeit Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, as aforesaid, to be apprehended, and to commit him, her or them, to his Majesty's Gaol of *Newgate*, or to the common Gaol of the County or Place where such Person or Persons shall be so apprehended, to be proceeded against for the said Felony according to Law.

Felony.

Act 8. Geo. I.
c. 22.

'LXXVII. And whereas Doubts may arise, whether the Punishment inflicted in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the eighth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, King *George* the First, intituled, "An Act to prevent the Mischiefs by Foreign Powers, to transfer such Stocks, or to

‘receive such Annuities or Dividends as are therein mentioned; or by fraudulently personating the true Owner, thereof; and to rectify Mistakes of the late Managers for taking Subscriptions for increasing the Capital Stock of the ‘*South Sea Company*, and in the Instruments founded thereupon,” on Persons guilty of the several Species of Forgery, and other Offences therein mentioned, extends to the Commission of the like Forgery and Offences in relation to such ‘Capital Stocks and Funds as have been established by the ‘Authority of Parliament, since the passing of the said Act, and may be hereafter established;’ Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the first day of *July*, one thousand

hundred and fifty-eight, shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any Letter of Attorney, or other Authority or Instrument, to transfer, assign, sell or convey any Share or Shares, or any Part of any Share or Shares, of or in any such Capital Stock or Funds of any Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate established, or which shall be established, by any Act or Acts of Parliament; or to receive any Dividend or Dividends attending any Share or Shares, or any Part of any Share or Shares, of or in any such Capital Stock or Funds as aforesaid; or to receive any Annuity or Annuities, in respect whereof any Proprietor or Proprietors have or shall have any transferrable Share or Shares of or in any Capital Stock or Stocks which now are, or hereafter shall be established by any Act or Acts of Parliament, in proportion to their respective Annuities; or shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any the Name or Names of any the Proprietors of any such Share or Shares in Stock, or of any the Persons intitled to any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, as aforesaid, in or to any such pretended Letter of Attorney, Instrument or Authority; or shall knowingly or fraudulently demand, or endeavour to have, any such Share or Shares in Stock, or any Part thereof, transferred, assigned, sold, or conveyed; or such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, or any Part thereof, to be received by virtue of any such counterfeit or forged Letter of Attorney, Authority or Instrument; or shall falsely and deceitfully personate any true and real Proprietors of the said Shares in Stock Annuities and Dividends, or any of them, or any Part thereof, and thereby transferring or endeavouring to transfer the Stock, or receiving or endeavouring to receive the Money, of such true and lawful Proprietor, as if such Offender were the true and lawful Owner thereof, then, and in every or any such Case, all and every such Person and Persons, being thereof lawfully convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 9.
31 George II.
c. 2.

Penalty in the
recited Act of
1793 or counter-
feiting Letters
of Attor-
ney, in order to
sell or transfer
stock in any of
the Funds, &c.
or to receive
any Dividends
or Annuities
thereon, &c.
extended to this
Act, &c.

No. 9. ' LXXVIII. And whereas Doubts may arise whether the
 31 George II. ' Punishment inflicted in and by an Act of Parliament made
 c. 22. ' and passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present
 Penalty in the ' Majesty, intituled, " An Act for the more effectual prevent-
 Act of 2 Geo. 2. ' ing and farther Punishment of Forgery, Perjury and Subor-
 c. 25. ' nation of Perjury; and to make it Felony to steal Bonds,
 ' Notes or other Securities for Payment of Money," on Persons
 ' guilty of the several Species of Forgery therein mentioned,
 ' extends to the Commission of the like Forgeries with an
 ' Intention to defraud any Corporation;' Be it therefore enact-
 ed by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person from and
 after the first Day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and
 fifty-eight, shall falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause or
 procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or wil-
 lingly act or assist in the false making, forging or counterfeit-
 ing any Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing Obligatory,
 Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Money,
 Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange, or
 Promissory Note for Payment of Money, or any Acquittance
 or Receipt either for Money or Goods, with an Intention to
 defraud any Corporation whatsoever; or shall utter or publish
 as true, any false, forged or counterfeited Deed, Will, Testa-
 ment, Bond, Writing Obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promis-
 sory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement, or Assign-
 ment of any Bill of Exchange, or Promissory Note for Pay-
 ment of Money, Acquittance or Receipt either for Money or
 Goods, with Intention to defraud any Corporation, knowing
 the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited; then every
 such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted according to the
 due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and
 suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

of forging or
 publishing any
 Deed, Will,
 Obligation, Ac-
 quittance, &c.
 with Intent to
 defraud any
 Corporat on,
 extended to this
 Act.

No. 10.

p. 3 George III. c. 16. — An Act to empower the Commis-
 sioners or Governors of the Royal Hospital for Sea-
 men at *Greenwich*, after defraying the necessary Ex-
 pences thereof, to provide for such Seamen worn out
 and become decrepit in the Service of their Country,
 who shall not be provided for within the said Hospital;
 and to enable them to receive such Pensions as shall
 be granted them by the said Commissioners or Go-
 vernors, in the most easy and convenient Manner;
 and for preventing Frauds and Abuses attending the
 same.

No. 10. ' VI. **A**ND whereas divers wicked Practices may be car-
 3 George III. ' ried on by Persons knowingly and willingly
 c. 16. ' personating and falsely assuming the Name and Character of
 Penalty of ' any Out Pensioner of the said Hospital, in order to receive

' the Money due to any such Out Pensioner on account of his ' Out Pension ;' Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, whosoever willingly and knowingly shall personate or falsely assume the Name or Character of, or procure any other to personate or falsely to assume the Name and Character of any Person intitled, or supposed to be intitled, as an Out Pensioner, to any Out Pension or Allowance of Money from the Commissioners or Governors of the said Hospital, in order to receive the Money due, or supposed to be due on such Out Pension ; every such Person so offending, and being lawfully convicted of any such Offence or Offences, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 10.
3 George III.
c. 16.

personating and
falsely assuming
the Name of
any Out-Pen-
sioner in order
to receive the
Pension,
or procuring any
other to do the
same,
is Felony with-
out Benefit of
Clergy.

No. 11.

4 George III. c. 25.—An Act for establishing an Agreement with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for raising certain Sums of Money towards the Supply for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four; and for more effectually preventing the forging Powers to transfer such Stock, or receive such Dividends or Annuities as are therein mentioned, and the fraudulent personating the Owners thereof.

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xv. **A**ND whereas it is necessary that Provision should be made for more effectually preventing the ' forging Powers to transfer any such Stock, or to receive such ' Dividends or Annuities, as are hereinafter mentioned, and ' the fraudulent personating the Owners thereof ;' Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the first Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any Letter of Attorney, or other Authority or Instrument, to transfer, assign, sell or convey, any Share or Shares, or any Part of any Share or Shares, of and in any Capital Stock or Stocks of any Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, which now are, or hereafter shall be, established by any Act or Acts of Parliament; or any Share or Shares, or any Part of any Share or Shares, of and in any Annuities in respect whereof the Proprietors of such Annuities have or shall have transferrable Shares in any Capital Stock or Stocks now established, or which shall hereafter be established by any Act or Acts of Parliament, in Proportion to their respective Annuities; or any Share or Shares, or any Part of any Share or Shares, of or in any other transferrable Annuities which now are or hereafter shall be established by any Act or Acts of Parliament; or to receive any such Annuity or Annuities, or any Dividend or

No. 11.
4 George III.
c. 25.

Penalty of
forging Power
to transfer any
Stock ; or to
receive any Di-
vidends or An-
nuities thereon ;
or the fraudulent
personating the
Owners thereof,

- No. 11. Dividends attending such Shares, or any of them, or any Part thereof; or shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting, any the Name or Names of any the Proprietors of any such Share or Shares in Stock, or of any the Persons intitled to any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends as aforesaid, in or to any such pretended Letter of Attorney, Instrument or Authority; or shall knowingly and fraudulently demand, or endeavour to have any such Share or Shares in Stock or Annuities, or any Part thereof, transferred, assigned, sold, or conveyed, or such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, or any Part thereof, to be received by virtue of any such counterfeit or forged Letter of Attorney, Authority or Instrument; or shall falsely and deceitfully personate any true and real Proprietor of the said Shares in Stock, Annuities and Dividends, or any of them, or any Part thereof, and thereby transferring, or endeavouring to transfer the Stock or Annuities, or receiving, or endeavouring to receive, the Money of such true and lawful Proprietor, as if such Offender were the true and lawful Owner thereof; then, and in every or any such Case, all and every such Person and Persons (being thereof lawfully convicted in due Form of Law) shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.
- is Felony without Benefit of Clergy.
- 4 George III. c. 25.

No. 12.

19. 9 George III. c. 30. -- An Act for repealing so much of an Act passed in the tenth Year of her late Majesty Queen Anne, as relates to the Harbour Moorings of the Royal Navy; and for the more effectual Preservation of such Harbour Moorings; and Punishment of Persons guilty of stealing or embezzling his Majesty's Naval Stores; or of Forgery or Perjury in Relation to Seamen's Wages.

- No. 12. 9 George III. c. 30. **VL. AND** be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the said twenty-fourth Day of June, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, utter or publish, as true, any false, forged, or counterfeited Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Certificate, Assignment, last Will, or any other Power or Authority whatsoever, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, due or supposed to be due to any Officer or Seaman, or other Person, who has really served or was supposed to have served, or who shall hereafter serve or be supposed to have served, on board of any Ship or Vessel of his Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, with Intent to defraud any Person, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited, then every such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.
- Penalty of uttering any forged Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Certificate, Assignment, last Will, &c. of any Officer or Sailor to obtain any Wages, Prize Money, &c. thereupon, is Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 13.

13 George III. c. 79. — An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging of the Notes or Bills of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; and for the preventing the obtaining a false Credit, by the Imitation of the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company.*

WHEREAS Frauds have lately been committed by forging the Notes and Bills of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, notwithstanding the Statutes now in Force for punishing and suppressing the same; for the more effectual preventing such Practices, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the twenty-ninth Day of *September*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, if any Person or Persons (other than the Officers, Workmen, Servants, or Agents, for the Time being, of the said Governor and Company, to be authorised and appointed for that Purpose by the said Governor and Company, and for the Use of the said Governor and Company only,) shall make or use, or cause or procure to be made or used, or knowingly aid or assist in the making or using; or (without being authorised and appointed as aforesaid) shall knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession (without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie upon the Person accused), any Frame, Mould, or Instrument, for the making of Paper, with the Words *Bank of England*, visible in the Substance of such Paper; or shall make, or cause or procure to be made, or knowingly aid or assist in the making any Paper, in the Substance of which the said Words, *Bank of England*, shall be visible; or if any Person (except as before excepted) after the said twenty-ninth Day of *September*, shall, by any Art, Mystery, or Contrivance, cause or procure the said Words, *Bank of England*, to appear visible in the Substance of any Paper whatsoever, or knowingly aid or assist in causing the said Words, *Bank of England*, to appear in the Substance of any Paper whatsoever; every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall, for such Offence, be deemed and adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 13.
13 George III.
c. 79.

Persons making
Frames, &c. for
forging Notes of
the Bank of
England, or
having in their
Custody
Moulds or In-
struments for
that Purpose,

adjudged guilty
of Felony, &c.

‘II. And whereas unwary and other Persons have taken
‘in Payment, and otherwise received, Notes, Inland Bills,
‘and Bills of Exchange, with certain Words and Characters
‘so nearly resembling the Notes and Bills of the said Gover-

* Most of the Offences mentioned in this Act have been made Felony by Stat. 45 Geo. III. c. 89, post.

No. 13.
13 George III.
c. 79.

Persons engraving
Notes to re-
semble Inland
Bills, &c.

shall be com-
mitted not ex-
ceeding six
Months.

‘ nor and Company, as to appear to such Persons to be the
‘ Notes or Bills of the Bank of *England*, which, if continued
‘ to be done, will be to the great Prejudice of publick Credit;’
be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from
and after the said twenty-ninth Day of *September*, if any Per-
son or Persons, without being authorised and appointed as
aforesaid, shall engrave, cut, etch, or scrape in Mezzotinto, or
shall cause or procure to be engraved, cut, etched, or scraped
in Mezzotinto, or shall knowingly aid or assist in the engraving,
cutting, etching, or scraping in Mezzotinto in or upon any Plate
of Copper, Brass, Steel, Pewter, or of any other Metal or
Mixture of Metals, or upon Wood, or any other Material, or
any Plate whatsoever, any Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or
Bill of Exchange, or Blank Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or
Bill of Exchange, or Part of a Promissory Note, Inland Bill,
or Bill of Exchange, containing the Words, *Bank of England*,
or *Bank Post Bill*, or any Word or Words expressing the Sum
or Amount, or any Part of the Sum or Amount of such Promis-
sory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, in White Letters
or Figures on a Black Ground; or shall use any such Plate so
engraved, cut, etched, or scraped in Mezzotinto, or shall use
any other Instrument for the making or printing any such Pro-
missory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, or Blank
Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, or Part
of a Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange; if
any Person, without being authorised and appointed as afore-
said, shall, after the twenty-fifth day of *December*, which shall
be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
seventy-three, knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody,
any such Plate or Instrument, or shall knowingly and wilfully
utter or publish any such Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill
of Exchange, Blank Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of
Exchange; every such Person so offending in any of the Cases
aforesaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall
be committed to the Common Gaol of the County or Place
where the Offence shall be committed, for any Space not ex-
ceeding six Months.

III. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That
nothing herein contained, shall extend or be construed to
extend, to such Person or Persons who being at any Time
hereafter possessed of any such Note or Bill, shall only utter
the same by carrying the same for Payment to the Issuer or
Issuers, Drawer or Drawers, Acceptor or Accepters, Indorser
or Indorsers thereof respectively, or using proper Means to
compel the Payment of any such Note or Bill.

No. 14.

18 George III. c. 18. — An Act to explain an Act, passed in the seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, “An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging the Acceptance of Bills of Exchange; or the Numbers or principal Sums of accountable Receipts for Notes, Bills, or other Securities for Payment of Money; or Warrants or Orders for Payment of Money or Delivery of Goods.”

WHEREAS Doubts have arisen whether the Punishment inflicted by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, “An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging the Acceptance of Bills of Exchange; or the Numbers or principal Sums of accountable Receipts for Notes, Bills, or other Securities for Payment of Money; or Warrants or Orders for Payment of Money or Delivery of Goods,” on Persons guilty of the several Species of Forgery therein mentioned, extends to such Forgeries when committed with an Intention to defraud any Corporation; Be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person, from and after the twenty-fifth Day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, shall falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the false making, altering, forging, or counterfeiting, any Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, or the Number or principal Sum of any accountable Receipt for any Note, Bill, or other Security for Payment of Money, or any Warrant or Order for Payment of Money or Delivery of Goods, with Intention to defraud any Corporation whatsoever; or shall utter or publish as true, any false, altered, forged, or counterfeited Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, or accountable Receipt for any Note, Bill, or other Security for Payment of Money, or Warrant or Order for Payment of Money or Delivery of Goods, with Intention to defraud any Corporation whatsoever, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged, or counterfeited; every such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 14.
18 George III.
c. 18.
7 Geo. 2, c. 22.

Persons convicted of Forgery, &c. with Intention to defraud any Corporation, shall suffer Death.

No. 15.

- P.** 24 George III. stat. 2. c. 37.—An Act for granting to his Majesty certain additional Rates of Postage for Conveyance of Letters and Packets, by the Post, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*; for preventing Frauds in the Revenue, carried on by the Conveyance of certain Goods in Letters and Packets; and for further preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from Postage.

No. 15.
24 George III.
st. 2. c. 37.

Penalty on
counterfeiting
the Hand-
writing of any
Person in the
Superscription
of any Letter,
in order to
evade the Duty
of Postage,

IX. **A**ND be it further enacted, That if any Person whatsoever shall, from and after the End of this present Session of Parliament, forge or counterfeit the Hand-writing of any Person whatsoever, in the Superscription of any Letter or Packet to be sent by the Post, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or shall procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, the Date upon the Superscription of any such Letter or Packet, or shall write and send by the Post, or cause to be written and sent by the Post, any Letter or Packet, the Superscription or Cover whereof shall be forged or counterfeited, or the Date upon such Superscription or Cover altered, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for seven Years.

No. 16.

- P.** 32 George III. c. 33.—An Act for explaining and amending an Act, passed in the thirty-first Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, “An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen employed in the Royal Navy, and for establishing a regular Method for the punctual, frequent, and certain Payment of their Wages; and for enabling them more easily and readily to remit the same for the Support of their Wives and Families; and for preventing Frauds and Abuses attending such Payments;” and for further extending the Benefits thereof to Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, serving, or who may have served, on Board any of his Majesty’s Ships.

No. 16.
32 George III.
c. 33.

Persons con-

XXIII. **A**ND be it further enacted, That if any Person, from and after the said first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made,

forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act and assist in the
 false making, forging, or counterfeiting, any Ticket for the
 Wages or Pay due to any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-com-
 missioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, for his Services on
 Board any Ship or Vessel of his Majesty, his Heirs or Suc-
 cessors, or any Duplicate of any such Ticket, or any Certificate
 of Discharge from any Naval Hospital of his Majesty, his Heirs
 or Successors, or any Remittance Bill, or Duplicate of Remit-
 tance Bill, with Intention to receive any Wages, Pay, or other
 Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, due, or supposed to
 be due, for or on Account of the Service of any Petty Officer
 or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, or Marine,
 on Board any Ship or Vessel of his Majesty, his Heirs or Suc-
 cessors, or shall utter or publish as true any Ticket for the
 Wages or Pay due to any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-com-
 missioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, for his Service on
 Board any Ship or Vessel of his Majesty, his Heirs or Suc-
 cessors, or any Duplicate of any such Ticket, or any Certificate
 of Discharge from any Naval Hospital of his Majesty, his
 Heirs or Successors, or any Remittance Bill, or Duplicate of
 Remittance Bill, with Intention to receive any Wages, Pay,
 or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, due, or sup-
 posed to be due, for or on Account of the Service of any Petty
 Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, or
 Marine, on Board any Ship or Vessel of his Majesty, his Heirs
 or Successors, knowing the same to be false, forged, or coun-
 terfeited, then every such Person so offending, being lawfully
 convicted of any such Offence or Offences, shall be deemed
 guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit
 of Clergy.

No. 16.
 32 George III.
 c. 33.

counterfeit-
 ing Tickets, &c.
 guilty of felony.

No. 17.

33 George III. c. 30.—An Act for the better prevent-
 ing Forgeries and Frauds in the Transfers of the
 several Funds transferrable at the Bank of *England*.
 —[30th April 1793.]

' WHEREAS the Laws now in being have been found
 ' insufficient to prevent Forgeries and Frauds in the
 ' transferring Stocks, Annuities, and other publick Funds,
 ' transferrable at the Bank of *England*: And whereas, for the
 ' better preventing such Forgeries and Frauds in future, it is
 ' necessary that further Provision should be made, as well to
 ' prevent Frauds practised by Persons taking upon themselves
 ' to make Transfers, in the Books of the Governor and Com-
 ' pany of the Bank of *England*, of Stock or Annuities, or other
 ' Funds, transferrable as aforesaid, whereof such Persons are
 ' not the true Owners and Proprietors, as to prevent Forgeries
 ' of such Transfers in the Names of the true Owners or Pro-
 ' prietors: And whereas it is also necessary, the better to pre-

No. 17.
 33 George III.
 c. 30.

No. 17. 'vent such Forgeries and Frauds, that the publick Accounts
 33 George III. 'between the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*
 c. 39. 'and the several Owners and Proprietors of Stock, Annuities,
 'and other Funds, transferrable at the Bank of *England*,
 'should be secured from Falsification by Means of false En-
 'tries therein, or of the Alteration of any of the Words or
 'Figures thereof, or by any other Ways or Means whatsoever:'
 May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted;
 and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by
 and with the Advice and Consent of the Lord Spiritual and
 Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assem-
 bled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after
 the tenth Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and ninety-
 three, if any Person or Persons shall wilfully make, or assist in
 making, any Transfer (1.) of any Interest, Part, or Share of or
 in any Stock or Stocks, Annuity or Annuities, or other Funds,
 transferrable at the Bank of *England*, in any of the Books of
 the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, in
 which Transfers of Stock, Annuities, or other Funds, as afore-
 said are made, in the Name or Names of any Person or Per-
 sons not being the Owner or Owners, or Proprietor or Pro-
 prietors, of such Stock, Annuities, or other Funds, transferra-
 ble as aforesaid, with Intent to defraud the said Governor and
 Company of the Bank of *England*, or any other Body Politick
 or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whatsoever, such Per-
 son or Persons so making, or assisting in making, such Trans-
 fer as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall
 suffer Death as a Felon or Felons, without Benefit of Clergy.

Persons mak-
 ing, or assisting
 in making,
 transfers of
 Stock in any
 other Names
 than the Own-
 ers, guilty of
 Felony;

also Persons
 forging, or as-
 sisting in forg-
 ing, Transfers,
 &c.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
 That if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall, from and after
 the tenth Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and ninety-
 three, falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure
 to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or shall willingly
 act or assist in the falsely making, forging, or counterfeiting of
 any Transfer of any Interest, Part, or Share of or in any
 Stock or Stocks, Annuity or Annuities, or other Funds, trans-
 ferrable, or which, by any Act or Acts of Parliament, shall
 hereafter be made transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, or of
 or in the Capital Stock belonging, or which hereafter shall or

(1.) An Indictment charging that W. H. was possessed of and intitled to £50 Interest on Sums in the Consolidated 3 per Cent. Annuities; the Prisoner did forge a Transfer, with the Name of the said W. H. subscribed thereto. It was objected, that it was required by Stat. 33 Geo. III. c. 28. that Persons to whom Transfers are made shall underwrite their Acceptance, and that no other Method of transferring shall be valid; and that for Want of this Compliance by W. H. he was not possessed, and that till Acceptance there could be no complete Transfer; and that the Instrument offered as a Transfer in the Name of W. H. was not witnessed: but ruled by the Judges, that the Stock vested in W. H. by the mere Act of transferring into his Name; that the Nature of the Offence would not have been altered if W. H. had not had any Stock; that the Entry and Signatures were a complete Transfer, without the Attestation of Witnesses, which was no Part of the Instrument, but only required by the Bank *ex abundanti Cautela*; Gade's Case, E. P. C. ch. 19. § 9; Leach, Ca. 293.

may belong to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, called *Bank Stock*, or shall utter or publish as true any such false, forged, or counterfeited Transfer as aforesaid, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited, with Intent to defraud the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any other Body Politick or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whatsoever; all and every Person or Persons whatsoever so offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 17.
33 George III.
c. 30.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said tenth Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, if any Person or Persons shall wilfully make, or assist in making, any false Entry, or shall wilfully alter, or assist in altering, any Word or Figure in any Entry in the Books of Account kept by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, wherein the several Accounts of the Owners or Proprietors of Stock, Annuities, or other Funds, transferrable at the Bank of *England*, are entered and kept, or shall in any Manner wilfully falsify the Accounts of such Owners and Proprietors in the Books of the said Governor and Company, wherein such Accounts are entered and kept, with Intent to defraud the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any other Body Politick or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whatsoever, every such Person or Persons so offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons without Benefit of Clergy.

and also Person
making, or as-
sisting in mak-
ing, false En-
tries in the
Books of the
Bank, &c.

IV. And whereas, in order to cover and conceal Forgeries and Frauds in Transfers, Dividend Warrants have been sometimes made out for different Sums than the Sums 'really due;' Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Clerk, Officer, or Servant of, or other Person or Persons employed or intrusted by, the said Governor and Company shall, from and after the said tenth Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, knowingly or willingly make out or deliver, or cause or procure to be made out or delivered, or willingly act or assist in the making out or delivering, of any Dividend Warrant for a greater or less Amount than the Person or Persons, on whose Behalf, or pretended Behalf, such Dividend Warrants shall be made out, is or are intitled to, with Intent to defraud the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any other Body Politick or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whatsoever, all and every such Person or Persons so offending, and being in due Form of Law convicted of any such Offence or Offences as aforesaid, shall be transported for seven Years.

Persons making
out, &c. false
Dividend War-
rants to be
transported for
14 Years.

No. 18.

- 35 George III. c. 66.—An Act for making Part of certain Principal Sums or Stock and Annuities raised or created, or to be raised or created, by the Parliament of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, on Loans, for the Use of the Government of that Kingdom, transferable, and the Dividends on such Stock and Annuities payable at the Bank of *England*; and for the better Security of the Proprietors of such Stocks and Annuities, and of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.—[19th. May 1795.]

No. 19.

- 37 George III. c. 46.—An Act for making certain Annuities, created by the Parliament of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, transferrable, and the Dividends thereon payable, at the Bank of *England*; and for the better Security of the Proprietors of such Annuities, and of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.—[3d. May 1797.]

No. 20.

- 37 George III. c. 122.—An Act for the better preventing the forging or counterfeiting the Names of Witnesses to Letters of Attorney, or other Authorities or Instruments, for the Transfer of Stocks or Funds, which now are, or by any Act or Acts of Parliament shall hereafter be made, transferrable at the Bank of *England*; or for the Transfer of any Part of the Capital Stock of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* called *Bank Stock*; or for the Transfer of any Part of the Capital Stock, or any Stocks or Funds under the Management of the *South Sea Company*; or for the Transfer of any Part of the Capital Stock of the *East India Company*; or for the Receipt of Dividends upon any of such Stocks or Funds.—[19th. July 1797.]

No. 20.
37 George III.
c. 122.

‘ WHEREAS by the several Acts of Parliament creating and authorizing the Transfer and Management of the Public Stocks, Funds, and Annuities, transferrable at the Bank of *England*, it is provided, that all Assignments, or Transfers thereof, shall be entered and registered in Books to

' be kept by the Accountant General of the Governor and
 ' Company of the Bank of *England*, which Entries shall be
 ' signed by the Parties making such Assignments or Transfers,
 ' or if such Parties be absent, by their respective Attorney or
 ' Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized in Writing under his,
 ' her, or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to be
 ' attested by two or more credible Witnesses; and the same
 ' Regulation is prescribed and observed with respect to the
 ' Attestation of Letters of Attorney for the Transfer of any
 ' Part of the Capital Stock of the said Governor and Company
 ' called *Bank Stock*: And whereas, by an Act of Parliament
 ' made and passed in the ninth Year of the Reign of her late
 ' Majesty Queen *Anne*, and by the Charter of the Company
 ' of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South Seas*
 ' and other Parts of *America*, and for encouraging the Fishery,
 ' commonly called *The South Sea Company*, and by several Acts
 ' of Parliament, creating and authorizing the Transfer and
 ' Management of the Stock of the said Company commonly
 ' called *South Sea Stock*, and other Stocks and Funds arising
 ' thereout, or transferrable at the *South Sea House*, it is provi-
 ' ded, that all Assignments and Transfers thereof shall be
 ' entered and registered in Books kept by the said Governor
 ' and Company, which Entries shall be signed by the Parties
 ' making such Assignments and Transfers, or if such Parties
 ' be absent, by their respective Attorney or Attornies, there-
 ' unto lawfully authorized in Writing under his, her, or their
 ' Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals: And whereas all
 ' Assignments and Transfers of the Capital Stock of the United
 ' Company of Merchants of *England*, trading to the *East Indies*
 ' are entered and registered in Books kept by the said United
 ' Company, and such Assignments and Transfers shall be
 ' signed by the Parties making the same; and if such Parties
 ' be absent, then by their respective Attorney or Attornies,
 ' thereunto authorized in Writing under his or their Hand and
 ' Seal, or Hands and Seals: And whereas it is expedient that
 ' Provision should be made for the Prevention of all Frauds
 ' and Impositions upon the said respective Governors and
 ' Companies, and the said United Company, respecting the
 ' Transfer of, or the Receipt of Dividends upon, any of the
 ' Public Funds or Annuities, transferrable at the Bank of
 ' *England*, or of Bank Stock, or of the Capital Stock of the
 ' said *South Sea Company*, or of the said United Company, or
 ' any other Stocks or Funds arising thereout, or transferrable,
 ' or which shall hereafter be made transferrable, at the *South*
 ' *Sea House* or *East India House* respectively: Be it enacted
 by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice
 and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-
 mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
 Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons what-
 ever shall, from and after the first Day of *August* one thousand
 seven hundred and ninety-seven, falsely make, forge, or
 counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, or

No. 20.
 37 George III.
 c. 122.

Persons forging
 the Names of
 Witnesses to
 Instruments for
 the Transfer, or

No. 20. counterfeited, or shall willingly act or assist in the falsely
 37 George III. making, forging, or counterfeiting, the Name or Names,
 c. 122, Hand Writing or Hands Writing, of any Person or Persons
 Receipt of Di- as, or purporting to be, the Witness or Witnesses attesting the
 vidends, of Execution of any Letter of Attorney, or other Authority or
 Stocks at the Instrument, to transfer, assign, sell, or convey, any Interest,
 Bank, or of the Part, or Share, of or in any Stock or Stocks, Annuity or
 South Sea or Annuities, or other Funds, or the Dividends thereof, trans-
 East India ferrable, or which, by any Act or Acts of Parliament, shall
 Company's hereafter be made transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or of
 Stocks, to be or in the Capital Stock belonging, or which hereafter shall or
 guilty of Felony. may belong, to the Governor and Company of the Bank of
England called *Bank Stock*, or to the Governor and Company
 of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South Seas* and
 other Parts of *America*, and for encouraging the Fishery as
 aforesaid, or under their Care or Management, or of or in the
 Capital Stock belonging, or which hereafter shall or may
 belong, to the said United Company of Merchants of *England*
 trading to the *East Indies*, commonly called *East India Stock*,
 or of any Letter of Attorney, or other Authority or Instrument,
 to receive any Dividend or Dividends, on any of the said
 Stocks, Annuities, or other Funds, or shall utter or publish, as
 true, any such Letter of Attorney, or other Authority or
 Instrument, containing such false, forged, or counterfeited
 Name or Names, Hand Writing or Hands Writing, of such
 attesting Witness or Witnesses as aforesaid, knowing such
 Name or Names, Hand Writing or Hands Writing, to be
 false, forged, or counterfeited, all and every Person or Persons
 whatever so offending, and being in due Form of Law con-
 victed of any such Offence or Offences as aforesaid, shall be
 adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for seven
 Years, or shall be adjudged to suffer such lesser Punishment
 as the Court, before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be
 tried, shall think fit to award.

Public Act: II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
 That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act,
 and shall be judicially taken Notice of, by all Judges, Justices,
 and other Persons whomsoever, without the same being specially
 pleaded.

No. 21.

41 George III. c. 39.—An Act for the more effectually
 preventing the Forgery of Bank Notes, Bank Bills
 of Exchange, and Bank Post Bills.—[21st. May
 1801.]

[Superseded by 45 Geo. III. c. 89.]

No. 22.

41 George III. c. 57.—An Act for the better Prevention of the Forgery of the Notes and Bills of Exchange of Persons carrying on the Business of Bankers.—
[20th. June 1801.]

‘**W**HEREAS it is expedient to prevent the Crime of Forgery in all Parts of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland;* be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons, in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland,* from and after the tenth Day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall make or cause or procure to be made, or knowingly aid or assist in the making or using, of any Frame, Mould, or Part of any Frame or Mould, for the making of Paper, with the Name or Firm appearing visible in the Substance of the Paper, of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnership, carrying on the Business of Bankers, without an Authority in Writing for that Purpose from such Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnership, or from some Person or Persons duly authorized to give such Authority; or shall manufacture, make, vend, expose to sale, publish or dispose of, or cause or procure to be manufactured, made, vended, or exposed to sale, published or disposed of, any Paper having the Name or Firm, appearing visible in the Substance of the Paper, of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnership whatsoever, carrying on the Business of Bankers; or if any Person or Persons without such Authority, shall by any Art, Means, Mystery, or Contrivance, cause or procure, or shall knowingly aid or assist in causing or procuring the Name or Firm of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnership carrying on the Business of Bankers, to appear visible in the Substance of the Paper whereon the same shall be written or printed, every Person or Persons so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall for the first Offence be imprisoned for any Time not exceeding two Years: nor less than six Months, and for the second Offence be transported to any of his Majesty’s Colonies or Plantations for the Term of seven Years.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland,* from and after the said tenth Day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall engrave, cut, etch, scrape, or by any other Means or Device make, or shall cause or procure to be engraved, cut, etched, scraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or shall knowingly aid or assist in the

No. 22.
41 George III.
c. 57.

After July 10, 1801, if any Person shall make or use any Frame or Mould for making Paper, with the Name or Firm of any Bankers appearing in the Substance of the Paper, without a written Authority for that Purpose, or shall make or vend such Paper, or cause such Name or Firm to appear in the Substance of the Paper whereon the same shall be written or printed, he shall be imprisoned for the first Offence (from two Years to six Months;) and for the second transported for seven Years.

The like Punishment on any Person who shall without Authority engrave, &c. any Bill or Note of any Banker, or use any Plate so

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41 George III.
c. 57.

engraved, or
any Device for
making or
printing such
Bill or Note, or
shall knowingly
have such Plate,
&c. in his Cust-
ody, or shall
utter such Bill,
&c.

engraving, cutting, etching, scraping, or by any other Means or Device making, in or upon any Plate whatsoever, any Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, or Part of any Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, purporting to be the Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, Banking Company or Partnership carrying on the Business of Bankers, without an Authority in Writing for that Purpose from such Person or Persons, Body Corporate, Banking Company or Partnership, or some Person or Persons duly authorized to give such Authority; or shall use any such Plate so engraved, cut, etched, scraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or shall use any other Device for the making or printing any such Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, without such Authority in Writing as aforesaid; or if any Person or Persons shall, after the said tenth Day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, without such Authority as aforesaid, knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody, any such Plate or Device, or shall, without such Authority as aforesaid, knowingly and wilfully publish, dispose of, or put away any such Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money; or Part of such Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money; every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall, for the first Offence, be imprisoned for any Time not exceeding two Years nor less than six Months, and for the second Offence be transported to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations for the Term of seven Years.

If any Person
shall engrave,
&c. on any
Plate any Sub-
scriptions sub-
joined to any
Bill or Note of
any Person or
Banking Com-
pany, payable
to Bearer on
Demand, or
have in his Pos-
session any such
Plate, he shall
for the first Of-
fence be impris-
oned, (from
three Years to
twelve Months),
and for the
second trans-
ported for
seven Years.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from and after the tenth Day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall engrave, cut, or etch, or by any other Means or Contrivance trace with a Hair Stroke or other Mode of Delineation, on any Plate whatsoever, any of the Subscriptions subjoined to any Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnership carrying on the Business of Bankers, to be payable to Bearer on Demand, or shall have in his, her, or their Possession any Plate with the Hair Strokes or other Delineation of any Subscription traced thereon, subjoined to any Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, purporting to be the Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnership, carrying on the Business of Bankers, and to be payable to the Bearer on Demand, and shall not be able to prove that such Plate came into his, her, or their Possession without his, her, or their Knowledge or Consent, every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall for the

first Offence be imprisoned for any Time not exceeding three Years nor less than twelve Months, and for the second Offence be transported to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations for the Term of seven Years, No. 22.
41 George III,
c. 57.

No. 23.

43 George III. c. 139. — An Act for preventing the forging and counterfeiting of foreign Bills of Exchange, and of foreign Promissory Notes and Orders for the Payment of Money; and for preventing the counterfeiting of foreign Copper Money.—[11th. August 1803.]

[Inserted Class III. No. 78.]

No. 24.

45 George III. c. 89.—An Act to alter and extend the Provisions of the Laws now in force for the Punishment of the Forgery of Bank Notes, Bills of Exchange, and other Securities, to every Part of *Great Britain*.—[10th. July 1800.]

• **W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled, “An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury and Subornation of Perjury, and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes, or other Securities for Payment of Money;” and also by an Act, passed in the seventh Year of the Reign of his said Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled, “An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging or Acceptance of Bills of Exchange, or the Numbers or principal Sums of accountable Receipts for Notes, Bills, or other Securities for Payment of Money, or Warrants or Orders for Payment of Money or Delivery of Goods;” and also by an Act, passed in the thirty-first Year of the Reign of his said Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled, “An Act for granting to his Majesty several Rates and Duties upon Offices and Pensions, and upon Houses, and upon Windows or Lights, and for raising the Sum of five Millions by Annuities and a Lottery, to be charged on the said Rates and Duties;” and also by an Act, passed in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of his said Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled, “An Act for establishing an Agreement with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for advancing the Sum of one million six hundred thousand Pounds towards the Supply for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and forty-two;” and also by an Act, passed in the forty-first Year of the Reign of No. 24.
45 George III.
c. 89.
2 G. 2. c. 25.
7 G. 2. c. 22.
31 G. 2. c. 22.
15 G. 2. c. 13.
41 G. 3. (U.K.)
c. 39.

No. 24. 'his present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An
 45 George III. 'Act for the more effectually preventing the Forgery of Bank
 c. 89. 'Notes, Bank Bills of Exchange, and Bank Post Bills," certain
 'Provisions were made and enacted for the preventing and
 'punishing the Forgery of Bank Notes, and other Notes, Bills,
 'and Instruments, in these Acts respectively mentioned: And
 'whereas it is expedient that such Provisions should extend
 'and be in force in every Part of Great Britain, with such
 'Alterations and Amendments therein as are hereby made:'
 Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty,
 by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual
 and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament as-
 sembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person
 or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, falsely
 make, forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cause or procure to be
 falsely made, forged, counterfeited, or altered, or willingly
 act or assist in the false making, forging, counterfeiting, or
 altering any Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing obliga-
 tory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Mo-
 ney, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange or
 Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Acceptance of any
 Bill of Exchange, or any Acquittance or Receipt either for
 Money (1.) or Goods, or any accountable Receipt (2.) for any
 Note, Bill, or other Security for Payment of Money, or any
 Warrant or Order (3.) for Payment of Money or Delivery of

Persons forging
 Deeds or Wills,
 or Securities,
 Receipts, or
 Orders for
 Money, &c. or
 uttering any
 such with In-
 tent to defraud
 any Person or
 Corporation,
 guilty of Felony
 without Clergy.

(1) "Received the Contents above," subjoined to an Account, held a Receipt for Money; and that it was not necessary to set out the Account in the Indictment; Testick's Case, E. P. C. ch. 19. § 36.

A Receipt for Bank Notes not a Receipt for Money; Harrison's Case, Leach, Ca. 91; East, ubi supra. A Signature of a Name, subscribed to a Navy Bill and Assignment, cannot be charged as a Receipt without connecting it as such with the Navy Bill by Averment; Hunter's Case, East, ibid.; Leach, Ca. 273.

A Receipt for Scrip, with a Blank for the Name of the Person of whom received, is not a Receipt for Money; Lyon's Case, East ibid.; Leach, Ca. 267. The Forgery of Receipts as given to an Executor of an Accountant for Money as paid by him, made by a Person undertaking to pass his Accounts, in order to get rid of an Extent, is within the Act; Thomas's Case, East, ibid.

(2.) An Entry in a Banker's Book of Monies, as paid into the Bank by a Customer, said to be an accountable Receipt; Harrison's Case, Leach, Ca. 91; admitted, Lyon's Case, Leach, Ca. 273; E. P. C. ch. 19. § 36.

(3.) See E. P. C. ch. 19. § 37. The Warrant or Order must appear on the Face of it, or by Averment, to be made by a Person having Authority to give such Order; and not a mere Request to deliver Goods on Credit, undertaking to be responsible; R. v. Mitchell, Foster 119; Williams's Case, Leach, Ca. 69. So a Note soliciting Money; Ellor's Case, Leach, Ca. 156.

In addition to the above Point, it was held in Clirch's Case, Leach, Ca. 244. that an Order must be directed to some Person; and that stating an Order to be made by the Servant of the Owner of the Goods is not sufficient, without shewing an Authority in the Servant to give such Order. But if an Order (as the Draft on a Banker) appears on the Face of it to be made by a Person assuming a Right to give it, it is sufficient, although there may be no such Person in Existence; Lockett's Case, Leach, Ca. 53; Abraham's Case, Leach, Ca. 38.

The particular Goods need not be specified;—"Deliver my Work to the Bearer," held sufficient, where a Silversmith had sent Goods to the Plate Office to be stamped; Jones's Case, 1 Leach, 53; East, ch. 19. § 39. There

Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate whatsoever; or shall offer, dispose of, or put away any false, forged, counterfeited, or altered Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, Acquittance, or Receipt, either for Money or Goods, accountable Receipt for any Note, Bill, or other Security for Payment of Money, Warrant or Order for Payment of Money or Delivery of Goods. with Intention to defraud any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, knowing the same to be false, forged, counterfeited, or altered, then every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted according to the due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

No. 21.
George III.
c. 89.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, forge, counterfeit, or alter any Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, Dividend Warrant, or any Bond or Obligation under the Common Seal of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or any Indorsement thereon, or shall offer or dispose of or put away any such forged, counterfeit, or altered Note, Bill, Dividend Warrant, Bond, or Obligation, or the Indorsement thereon, or demand the Money therein contained or pretended to be due thereon, or any Part thereof, of the said Company, or any their Officers or Servants, knowing such Note, Bill, Dividend Warrant, Bond, or Obligation, or the Indorsement thereon, to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, with Intent to defraud the said Governor and Company, or their Successors, or any other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate whatsoever, every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Forging or
uttering Bank
Notes, Divi-
dend War-
rants, &c.
Felony without
Clergy.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons (other than the Officers, Workmen, Servants or Agents for the Time being of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to be authorized and appointed for that Purpose by

If any Persons
(not authorised
by the Bank)
shall use or have
any Frame, &c.
for making Fa-

does not appear to have been, in that Case, any special Averment of their being any Goods to which the Order could apply. An Order from a Seaman, for the Payment of his Prize Money, without specifying the Amount, and although not made in Conformity with the Regulations of 32 Geo. III. c. 31. respecting Prize Money, held an Order for Payment of Money; Mackintosh's Case, East, ch. 19. § 39. A Bill of Exchange may be stated as an Order for Payment of Money; R. v. Shepperd, Leach, Ca. 113; Willoughby's Case, (on an Indictment for Larceny) East, ch. 16. § 40. An Order of a Magistrate to pay the Reward of 10s. for apprehending a Vagrant, was held within the Act, (7 Geo. II. c. 22) although objected that by 17 Geo. II. c. 5 § 5. the Officer was subject to a pecuniary Penalty, and that that Act was subsequent to 7 Geo. II. upon which the Felony was charged. This general Objection is allowed in several other Cases; but Q. Whether it can be now applied to the particular Case, the general Offence of forging Orders being a Felony by 45 Geo. III?

No. 24. the said Governor and Company, and for the Use of the said
 45 George III. Governor and Company only) shall, from and after the passing
 c. 89. of this Act, make or use, or cause or procure to be made or
 per with curved used, or knowingly aid or assist in the making or using, or
 Bar Lines or (without being authorized or appointed as aforesaid) shall
 Sums in Words knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession
 appearing in the (without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie upon the
 Substance of the Party accused) any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the
 Paper; or making of Paper with curved or waving Bar Lines, or with
 make, use, or the laying Wire Lines thereof in a waving or curved Shape,
 sell such Paper; or with any Number, Sum, or Amount, expressed in a Word
 or cause the Sum of any Bank Note, &c. or Words in Roman Letters visible in the Substance of such
 so to appear in Paper; or
 the Paper; or assist in so doing; such Of-
 offenders shall be
 adjudged felons,
 and transported
 for 14 Years.

the said Governor and Company, and for the Use of the said
 Governor and Company only) shall, from and after the passing
 of this Act, make or use, or cause or procure to be made or
 used, or knowingly aid or assist in the making or using, or
 (without being authorized or appointed as aforesaid) shall
 knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession
 (without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie upon the
 Party accused) any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the
 making of Paper with curved or waving Bar Lines, or with
 the laying Wire Lines thereof in a waving or curved Shape,
 or with any Number, Sum, or Amount, expressed in a Word
 or Words in Roman Letters visible in the Substance of such
 Paper; or shall manufacture, make, use, vend, expose to
 Sale, publish, or dispose of, or cause or procure to be manu-
 factured, made, used, vended, exposed to Sale, published,
 or disposed of, or aid or assist in the manufacturing, making,
 using, vending, exposing to Sale, publishing, or disposing of,
 or (without being authorized or appointed as aforesaid) shall
 knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession,
 any Paper whatsoever with curved or waving Bar Lines, or
 with the laying Wire Lines thereof in a waving or curved
 Shape, or having any Number, Sum, or Amount expressed in
 a Word or Words in Roman Letters appearing visible in the
 Substance of such Paper; or if any Person or Persons (except
 as before excepted) shall, by any Art, Mystery, or Contrivance,
 cause or procure the Numerical Sum or Amount of any
 Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, Blank
 Bank Note, Blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or Blank Bank
 Post Bill, in a Word or Words to appear visible in the Sub-
 stance of the Paper whereon the same shall be written or
 printed; or shall knowingly aid or assist in causing the
 Numerical Sum or Amount of any Bank Note, Bank Bill of
 Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, Blank Bank Note, Blank Bank
 Bill of Exchange, or Blank Bank Post Bill, in a Word or
 Words in Roman Letters to appear visible in the Substance of
 the Paper whereon the same shall be written or printed, every
 Person or Persons so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid,
 and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall be
 adjudged a Felon, and shall be transported for the Term of
 fourteen Years.

Not to restrain
 the issue, &c.
 of Bills with
 the Amount ex-
 pressed in Gui-
 neas, or Pounds
 Sterling in
 Figures in the
 Paper.

IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That
 nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to
 extend, to restrain any Person or Persons from issuing or
 negotiating any Bill or Bills of Exchange, Promissory Note
 or Promissory Notes, having^a the Sum or Amount thereof
 expressed in Guineas, or in a Numerical Figure or Figures,
 denominating the Sum or Amount thereof in Pounds Sterling,
 appearing visible on the Substance of the Paper upon which
 the same shall be written or printed; any Thing herein con-
 tained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Not to restrain
 Persons from
 making or

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That
 nothing in this Act contained shall restrain or prevent any Per-

son or Persons from making, using, vending, exposing to Sale, publishing, or disposing of any Paper having waving or curved Lines, or any other Devices in the Nature of Watermarks visible in the Substance of the Paper, not being Bar Lines or laying Wire Lines, provided the same are not contrived in such Manner as to form the Ground-work or Texture of the Paper, or to imitate or resemble the waving or curved laying Wire Lines or Bar Lines of the said Paper of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or to imitate or resemble the Watermarks used by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* in the Bank Notes, Bank Bills of Exchange, and Bank Post Bills, issued by the said Governor and Company; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

No. 24.
45 George III.
c. 89.
using Paper with
Devices in the
Nature of Water
Marks not
resembling the
Water Marks,
&c., used by the
Bank.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, purchase or receive from any other Person or Persons any forged or counterfeited Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, Bank Post Bill, or Blank Bank Note, Blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or Blank Bank Post Bill, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited; or shall knowingly or wittingly have in his, her, or their Possession or Custody, or in his, her, or their Dwelling House, Outhouse, Lodgings, or Apartments, any forged or counterfeited Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or Blank Bank Note, Blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or Blank Bank Post Bill, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited (without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie upon the Person accused) every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof convicted according to Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall be transported for the Term of fourteen Years.

Persons know-
ingly receiving
or having forged
Bank Notes,
&c., or Blank
Bank Notes,
&c. shall be ad-
judged Felons
and transported
for 14 Years.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the passing of this Act, shall engrave, cut, etch, scrape, or by any other Means or Device make, or shall cause or procure to be engraved, cut, etched, scraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or shall knowingly aid or assist in the engraving, cutting, etching, scraping, or by any other Means or Device, making, in or upon any Plate of Copper, Brass, Steel, Pewter, or of any other Metal or Mixture of Metals, or upon any Wood or any other Materials, or any Plate whatsoever, any Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, Bank Post Bill, or Blank Bank Note, Blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or Blank Bank Post Bill, or Part of a Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, purporting to be the Note, or Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or Blank Bank Note, or Blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or Blank Bank Post Bill, or Part of the Note, or Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, without an Authority in Writing for that Purpose from the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; or shall use any such Plate so engraved, cut, etched, scraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or shall use any other

Like Punish-
ment for Per-
sons engraving,
&c. any Bank
Note, Blank
Bank Note, &c.
or Part thereof,
using any such
Plate, or any
Device for
making or
printing any
such Bank
Note, &c. with-
out the Author-
ity of the Bank,
or having any
such Plate; or
uttering any
such Blank
Bank Note or
Part of Bank
Note.

No. 24. Instrument or Device for the making or printing any such
 45 George III. Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or
 c. 89. Blank Bank Note, or Blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or Blank
 Bank Post Bill, or Part of a Bank Note, or Bank Bill of Ex-
 change, or Bank Post Bill, without such Authority in Writing
 as aforesaid; or if any Person or Persons shall, from and after
 the passing of this Act, without such Authority as aforesaid,
 knowingly have in his, her or their Custody any such Plate,
 Instrument or Device, or shall, without such Authority as aforesaid,
 knowingly and wilfully utter, publish, dispose of, or put
 away any such Blank Bank Note, Blank Bank Bill of Exchange,
 or Blank Bank Post Bill, or Part of such Bank Note, Bank Bill
 of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, every Person so offending in
 any of the Cases aforesaid, and being convicted thereof ac-
 cording to Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall be
 transported for the Term of fourteen Years.

Act shall extend
 to the Whole of
 Great Britain.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the
 Clauses and Provisions in this Act contained shall extend, and
 be deemed and construed to extend by all Courts, Judges, and
 Magistrates whatsoever, to every Part of *Great Britain*; any
 Thing herein-before contained, or any Law, Statute, or Usage
 to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 25.

P. 52 George III. c. 138. — An Act for the further Pre-
 vention of the counterfeiting of Silver Tokens
 issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of
England, called *Dollars*, and of Silver Pieces issued
 and circulated by the said Governor and Company,
 called *Tokens*; and for the further Prevention of Frauds
 practised by the Imitation of the Notes or Bills of the said
 Governor and Company.—[20th. July 1812.]

No. 25.
 52 George III.
 c. 138.

Punishment of
 Persons en-
 graving any
 Plate, &c. the
 Impression
 taken from
 which shall
 resemble Bank
 of England
 Notes, or utter-
 ing any Paper
 resembling such
 Notes.

V. **A**ND whereas divers Frauds have been practised by
 making and publishing Papers with certain
 Words and Characters so nearly resembling the Notes and
 Bills of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*,
 as to appear to ignorant and unwary Persons to be the Notes
 or Bills of the said Governor and Company; for Prevention
 whereof be it enacted, That if any Person, from and after the
 first Day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and twelve,
 shall engrave, cut, etch, scrape, or by any other Means or
 Device make, or shall cause or procure to be engraved, cut,
 etched, scraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or
 shall knowingly aid or assist in the engraving, cutting, etching,
 scraping or by any other Means or Device making, in or
 upon any Plate of Copper, Brass, Steel, Pewter, or of any
 other Metal or Mixture of Metals, or upon Wood or any other
 Materials, or upon any Plate whatsoever, any Word or

Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters, the Impression taken from which shall resemble or be apparently intended to resemble the Whole or any Part of any of the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company commonly called *Bank Notes* and *Bank Post Bills*, or shall contain any Word, Number, Figure, or Character in White on a black, sable, or dark Ground, without an Authority in Writing for that Purpose from the said Governor and Company, to be produced and proved by the Party accused, or shall (without such Authority as aforesaid) use any such Plate, Wood, or other Material so engraved, cut, etched, scraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or shall use any other Instrument or Device for the making or printing upon any Paper or other Material, any Word or Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters, which shall be apparently intended to resemble the Whole or any Part of any of the said Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company, or any Word, Number, Figure, or Character in White on a black, sable, or dark Ground; or if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the first Day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and twelve, (without such Authority as aforesaid), knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody, any such Plate, Instrument, or Device, or shall knowingly and wilfully utter, publish, or dispose of or put away any Paper or other Material containing any such Word or Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters as aforesaid, or shall knowingly or wittingly have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession, any Paper or other Material containing any such Word or Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters as aforesaid, (without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie upon the Person accused), every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall be transported for the Term of fourteen Years.

No. 25.
52 George III.
c. 138.

No. 26.

52 George III. c. 143. — An Act for amending and reducing into one Act, the Provisions contained in any Laws now in force imposing the Penalty of Death for any Act done in Breach of or in Resistance to any Part of the Laws for collecting his Majesty's Revenue in *Great Britain*. — [23d. July 1812.]

[See Class XIV. post.]

PART V. CLASS XIII.

PIRACY, AND OFFENCES COMMITTED ON
THE HIGH SEAS.

No. 1.

15 Richard II. c. 3.—In what Places the Admiral's Jurisdiction doth lie.

No. 1.
15 Richard II.
c. 3.

“ITEM, At the great and grievous Complaint of all the Commons made to our Lord the King in this present Parliament, for that the Admirals and their Deputies do encroach to them divers Jurisdictions, Franchises, and many other Profits pertaining to our Lord the King, and to other Lords, Cities and Boroughs, other than they were wont or ought to have of Right, to the great Oppression and Impoverishment of all the Commons of the Land, and Hindrance and Loss of the King's Profits, and of many other Lords, Cities, and Boroughs through the Realm;” ‘it is declared, ordained, and established, That of all Manner of Contracts, Pleas, and Quarrels, and all other Things rising within the Bodies of the Counties, as well by Land as by Water, and also of Wreck of the

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

ITEM a la grant et grevous compleint de tout la commune fait a nostre Seigneur le Roi en cest present parlement de ce qe les Admirals et leur deutees accrochent a eux diverses jurisdictions franchises et plusours autres profitz qe appartiennent a nostre Seigneur le Roi et as autres Seignurs citees et burghs autres qils ne soloient ne ne devoient avoir de droit a tresgrant oppression et empoverissement de toute la commune de la terre et arrerissement et perde des profitz nostre Seigneur le Roi et de plusours autres Seignurs citees et burghs parmy le Roialme declarez est ordeignez et establi qe de toutes maneres contractz ples et querelles et de toutes autres choses faitz ou sourdantz deinz les corps des countees sibien par terre come par eawe et aussint de wrek de meer la court de ladmiraill eit nulle manere conissance poair ne jurisdiction

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

mes soient toutz tielx maneres contractes ples et quereles et toutez autres choses ourdantz deinz les corps des countees sibien par terre come par eawe come desuis et auxint wreck de meer trieiz terminez discus et remediez par les loyes de la terre et nemye devant ne par ladmiral ne son lieutenant en nulle manere. Nientmeyns de mort de homme et de mayhem feitz es grosses niefs esteantz et hoverantz en my le haut fil des grosses rivers tant-soulement paraval les pointz de mesmes les rivres pluiz proscheins al meer et en nul autre lieu de mesmes les rivers eit ladmiral conissance et auxint daest des niefs en les grantz fletz pur grantz viages du Roi et de Roialme sauvant au Roi toutz maneres forfaitures et profitz en provenantz Et eit ensement jurisdiction sur les dites fletz durantz les dites viages tant-soulement Sauvant toutdis as Seignurs citees et burgs lour libertees et franchises.

Sea, the Admiral's Court No. 1.
' shall have no manner of Cognizance, Power, nor Jurisdiction; but all such manner of Contracts, Pleas, and Quarrels, and all other Things rising within the Bodies of Counties, as well by Land as by Water, as afore, and also Wreck of the Sea, shall be tried, determined, discussed, and remedied by the Laws of the Land, and not before nor by the Admiral, nor his Lieutenant in any wise. Nevertheless, of the Death of a Man, and of a Maihem done in great Ships, being and hovering in the main Stream of great Rivers, only beneath the Bridges of the same Rivers nigh to the Sea, and in none other Places of the same Rivers, the Admiral shall have Cognizance, and also to arrest Ships in the great Flotes for the great Voyages of the King and of the Realm; saving always to the King all Manner of Forfeitures and Profits thereof coming: And he shall have also Jurisdiction upon the said Flotes, during the said Voyages only, saving always to the Lords, Cities, and Boroughs their Liberties and Franchises.

No. 2.

27 Henry VIII. c. 4.— For Pirates and Robbers on the Sea.

WHERE Pirates, Thieves, Robbers and Murderers upon the Sea, many Times escape unpunished, because the Trial of their Offences hath heretofore been ordered before the Admiral, or his Lieutenant or Commissary, after the Course of the Civil Laws, the Nature whereof is, that before any Judgement of Death can be given against the

No. 2.
27 Henry VIII.
c. 4.
The Inconveniences of the Trial of Piracy after the Course

No. 2.
27 Henry VIII.
c. 4.
of the Civil
Law.

Before what
Persons Of-
fences com-
mitted upon the
Sea shall be
heard and de-
termined,

By what Jurors
the same Of-
fences shall be
inquired of,

The Trial,
Judgment and
Forfeiture of
Offenders in
Piracy,

‘ Offenders, either they must plainly confess their Offence, (which they will never do without Torture or Pains) or else their Offences be so plainly and directly proved by Witnesses indifferent, such as saw their Offences committed, which cannot be gotten but by Chance at few Times, because such Offenders commit their Offences upon the Sea, and at many Times murder and kill such Persons being in the Ship or Boat where they commit their Offences, which should bear Witness against them in that Behalf, and also such as should bear Witness be commonly Mariners and Shipmen, which for the most Part cannot be gotten ne had always ready to testify such Offences, because of their often Voyages and Passages in the Seas, without long tarrying or Protraction of Time, and great Costs and Charges, as well of the King’s Highness, as of such as would pursue such Offenders;’ For Reformation whereof, be it enacted by Authority of this present Parliament, That all such Offences done in or upon the Sea, or in any other Haven, River or Creek where the Admiral or Admirals pretend to have Jurisdiction, shall be inquired, tried, heard and determined in such Shires and Places in this Realm as shall be limited by the King’s Commission to be directed for the same, in like Form and Condition as if such Offences had been done on the Land, and that such Commissions shall be had under the King’s Great Seal, directed to the Lord Admiral or Admirals, or to his or their Lieutenant, Deputy or Deputies, and to three or four such other substantial Persons as shall be named by the Lord Chancellor for the Time being, as often as Need shall require, to hear and determine such Offences after the common Course of the Laws of the Land used for Felonies done and committed within this Realm.

II. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Persons to whom such Commissions shall be directed, or three of them at the least, shall have full Power and Authority to inquire of such Offences, by the Oaths of twelve good and lawful Men inhabited in the Shire limited in their Commission, in such like Manner and Form as if such Offences had been committed upon the Land within the same Shire; and that every Indictment found and presented before such Commissioners, of any Felonies, Robberies, Murthers or Manslaughters done upon the Seas, or in or upon any other Haven, River or Creek, shall be good and effectual in the Law; and if any Person or Persons happen to be indicted for any such Offence done or hereafter to be done upon the Seas, or in any other Places above limited, that then such Order, Process, Judgment and Execution shall be used, had, done and made, to and against every such Person and Persons so being indicted, as against Felons and Murtherers for Murther or Felony done upon the Land, as by the Laws of this Realm is accustomed; and that the Trial of such Offence, if it be denied by the Offenders, shall be had by twelve Men inhabited in the Shire limited within such Commission, which shall be directed as is aforesaid, and no Challenge to be had for the Hundred

and such as shall be convict of any such Offence, by Verdict, No. 2.
 Confession or Process, by Authority of any such Commission, 27 Henry VIII.
 shall have and suffer such Pains of Death, Losses of Lands, c. 4.
 Goods and Chattels, as if they had been convict of any Felonies
 or Murthers done upon the Lands.

III. And be it enacted by Authority aforesaid, That for Clergy shall not
be allowed to
Pirates.
 Robberies, Felonies and Murthers done upon the Seas, or in
 any other Places above rehearsed, the Offenders shall not be
 admitted to have the Benefit of their Clergy, but be utterly
 excluded thereof, and also of the Privilege of any Sanctuary.

IV. Provided alway, That this Act extend not to be Things taken
upon the Sea by
Necessity.
 prejudicial or hurtful to any Person or Persons for taking of
 any Victuals, Cables, Ropes, Anchors or Sails, which any
 such Person or Persons, compelled by Necessity, taketh of or
 in any other Ship, which may conveniently spare the same, so
 that the same Person or Persons pay out of Hand for the same
 Victual, Cables, Ropes, Anchors or Sails, Money or Money-
 worth, to the Value of the Thing so taken, or deliver for the
 same a sufficient Bill Obligatory to be paid in Form following;
 that is to say, if the taking of the same Things be on this Side
 the Straits of *Marrock*, then to be paid within four Months;
 and if it be beyond the said Straits of *Marrock*, then to be paid
 within twelve Months next ensuing the making of such Bills;
 and that the Makers of such Bills well and truly pay the same
 Debt at the Day to be limited within the said Bills.

V. Provided alway, That whensoever any such Com- Commissions
directed into the
Five Ports.
 mission for the Punishment of the Offences aforesaid shall be
 directed or sent to any Place within the Jurisdiction of the
 Five Ports, that then every such Commission shall be directed
 unto the Lord Warden of the same Ports for the Time being,
 or to his Deputy, and unto three or four such other Person or
 Persons as the Lord Chancellor for the Time being shall name
 and appoint; any Thing in this present Act to the contrary
 thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

VI. Provided also, That whensoever any Commission
 shall be directed into the Five Ports for the Inquisition and
 Trial of any of the Offences expressed in this Act, that every
 such Inquisition and Trial to be had by Virtue of such Com-
 mission, shall be made and had by the Inhabitants in the said
 Five Ports, or the Members of the same; any Thing in this
 Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

No. 3.

28 Henry VIII. c. 15.—For Pirates.

‘ **W**HERE Traytors, Pirates, Thieves, Robbers, Mur- No. 3.
28 Henry VIII.
c. 15.
 therers and Confederates upon the Sea, many Times
 ‘ escaped unpunished, because the Trial of their Offences hath
 ‘ heretofore been ordered, judged and determined before the
 ‘ Admiral, or his Lieutenant or Commissary, after the Course

No. 3. 'of the Civil Laws, the Nature whereof is, that before any
 28 Henry VIII. 'Judgement of Death can be given against the Offenders,
 c. 15. 'either they must plainly confess their Offences (which they
 'will never do without Torture or Pains) or else their Offences
 'be so plainly and directly proved by Witness indifferent,
 'such as saw their Offences committed, which cannot be
 'gotten but by Chance at few Times, because such Offenders
 'commit their Offences upon the Sea, and at many Times
 'murder and kill such Persons being in the Ship or Boat
 'where they commit their Offences, which should witness
 'against them in that Behalf; and also such as should bear
 'Witness be commonly Mariners and Shipmen, which, be-
 'cause of their often Voyages and Passages in the Seas, de-
 'part without long tarrying and Protraction of Time, to the
 'great Costs and Charges as well of the King's Highness, as
 'such as would pursue such Offenders:' For Reformation
 whereof, be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parli-
 ament, That all Treasons, Felonies, Robberies, Murthers,
 and Confederacies hereafter to be committed in or upon the
 Sea, or in any other Haven, (1.) River, Creek or Place where
 the Admiral or Admirals have or pretend to have Power, Au-
 thority or Jurisdiction, shall be inquired, tried, heard, deter-
 mined and judged, in such Shires and Places in the Realm, as
 shall be limited by the King's Commission or Commissions to
 be directed for the same, in like Form and Condition, as if
 any such Offence or Offences had been committed or done in
 or upon the Land; and such Commissions shall be had under
 the King's Great Seal, directed to the Admiral or Admirals, or
 to his or their Lieutenant, Deputy and Deputies, and to three
 or four such other substantial Persons, as shall be named
 or appointed by the Lord Chancellor of *England* for the Time
 being, from Time to Time, and as oft as Need shall require,
 to hear and determine such Offences after the common Course
 of the Laws of this Realm, used for Treasons, Felonies, Mur-
 thers, Robberies and Confederacies of the same, done and
 committed upon the Land within this Realm.

Trial of Offences committed upon the Sea, or within the Admiral's Jurisdiction, by the King's Commission.

The Commissioners' Authority.

II. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Persons to whom such Commission or Commissions shall be directed, or four of them at the least, shall have full Power and Authority to enquire of such Offences, and of every of them, by the Oaths of twelve good and lawful Inhabitants in the Shire limited in their Commission, in such like Manner and Form, as if such Offences had been committed upon the Land within the same Shire; and that every Indictment, found and presented before such Commissioners, of any Treasons, Felonies, Robberies, Murthers, Manlaughters, or such other Offences, being committed or done in or upon the Seas, or in or upon any other Haven, River or Creek, shall be good and effectual in the Law; and if any Person or Persons hap-

(1.) The Courts of Common Law have a concurrent Jurisdiction over Offences committed in Milford Haven, and in other Havens, Creeks and Rivers of this Realm; *R. v. Bruce, Leach*, Case 353, 4th. Ed.

pen to be indicted for any such Offence done or here-
 after to be done upon the Seas, or in any other Place above
 limited, that then such Order, Process, Judgment and Ex-
 ecution shall be used, had, done and made, to and against
 every such Person and Persons so being indicted, as against
 Traytors, Felons and Murderers, for Treason, Felony, Rob-
 bery, Murther or other such Offences done upon the Land, as
 by the Laws of this Realm is accustomed; and that the
 Trial of such Offence or Offences, if it be denied by the
 Offender or Offenders, shall be had by twelve lawful Men inha-
 bited in the Shire limited within such Commission, which
 shall be directed as is aforesaid, and no Challenge or Chal-
 lenges to be had for the Hundred; and such as shall be
 convict of any such Offence or Offences, by Verdict, Con-
 fession or Process, by Authority of any such Commission,
 shall have and suffer such Pains of Death, Losses of Lands,
 Goods and Chattles, as if they had been attainted and con-
 victed of any Treasons, Felonies, Robberies, or other the said
 Offences done upon the Lands.

No. 3.
 28 Henry VIII.
 c. 15.

The Punish-
 ment of Offen-
 ders.

III. And be it enacted by Authority aforesaid, That
 for Treasons, Robberies, Felonies, Murthers and Confederacies
 done upon the Sea or Seas, or in any Place above re-
 hearsed, the Offenders shall not be admitted to have the
 Benefit of his or their Clergy, but be utterly excluded there-
 of and from the same, and also of the Privilege of any Sanc-
 tuary.

IV. Provided alway, That this Act extend not to be pre-
 judicial or hurtful to any Person or Persons for taking any Vic-
 tual, Cables, Ropes, Anchors or Sails, which any such Person
 or Persons (compelled by Necessity) taketh of or in any Ship
 which may conveniently spare the same, so the same Person
 or Persons pay out of Hand for the same Victual, Cables,
 Ropes, Anchors or Sails, Money or Money-worth to the Value
 of the Thing so taken, or do deliver for the same a sufficient
 Bill obligatory to be paid in Form following, that is to say, If
 the taking of the same Things be on this Side the Straits
 of *Marroke*, then to be paid within four Months, and if it be
 beyond the said Straits of *Marroke*, then to be paid within
 twelve Months next ensuing the making of such Bills, and
 that the Makers of such Bills well and truly pay the same Debt
 at the Day to be limited within the said Bills.

Taking of
 Things that
 may be spared
 upon Necessity,
 and paying for
 them.

V. Provided alway, That whensoever any such Commis-
 sion for the Punishment of the Offences aforesaid, or of any of
 them, shall be directed or sent to any Place within the Juris-
 diction of the Five Ports, that then every such Commission
 shall be directed unto the Lord Warden of the said Ports for
 the Time being, or to his Deputy, and unto three or four such
 other Person or Persons, as the Lord Chancellor for the Time
 being shall name and appoint; any Thing in this present Act
 to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissions
 directed into
 any Place
 within the Five
 Ports.

VI. Provided alway, That whensoever any Commission
 shall be directed unto the Five Ports for the Inquisition and

No. 3. Trials of any the Offences expressed in this Act, that every
 28 Henry VIII. such Inquisition and Trial to be had by Virtue of such Com-
 c. 15. mission, shall be made and had by the Inhabitants in the said
 Five Ports, or the Members of the same; any Thing in this
 Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

No. 4.

11 and 12 William III. c. 7.—An Act for the more effec-
 tual Suppression of Piracy.

No. 4.
 11 and 12
 William III.
 c. 7.
 28 H. 8. c. 15.

How and where
 Piracies, Felo-
 nies, &c. com-
 mitted on the
 Sea may be
 tried.

* By 4 Geo. 1.
 c. 11. § 7. Of-
 fenders against
 this Act may be
 tried as directed
 by 28 H. 8.
 c. 15.*

‘WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the twenty-
 eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth,
 it is enacted, That Treasons, Felonies, Robberies, Murders,
 and Confederacies committed on the Sea, shall be enquired
 of, tried, and determined according to the common Course
 of the Laws of this Land used for such Offences upon the
 Land within this Realm; whereupon the Trial of those Of-
 fenders before the Admiral, or his Lieutenant, or his Com-
 missary, hath been altogether disused: And whereas, that
 since the making of the said Act, and especially of late years,
 it hath been found by Experience, that Persons committing
 Piracies, Robberies, and Felonies on the Seas, in or near the
 East and West Indies, and in Places very remote, cannot be
 brought to condign Punishment without great Trouble and
 Charges in sending them into *England* to be tried within the
 Realm, as the said Statute directs, insomuch that many idle
 and profligate Persons have been thereby encouraged to turn
 Pirates, and betake themselves to that sort of wicked Life,
 trusting that they shall not, or at least cannot easily, be ques-
 tioned for such their Piracies and Robberies, by reason of
 the great Trouble and Expence that will necessarily fall upon
 such as shall attempt to apprehend and prosecute them for the
 same: And whereas the Numbers of them are of late very
 much increased, and their Insolencies so great, that unless
 some speedy Remedy be provided to suppress them, by a
 strict and more easy Way for putting the ancient Laws in that
 Behalf in Execution, the Trade and Navigation into remote
 Parts will very much suffer thereby;’ Be it therefore declared
 and enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and
 with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Tem-
 poral, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and
 by the Authority of the same, That all Piracies, Felonies, and
 Robberies committed in or upon the Sea, or in any Haven,
 River, Creek, or Place, where the Admiral or Admirals have
 Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction, may be examined, inquired
 of, tried, heard and determined, and adjudged, according to
 the Directions of this Act, in any Place at Sea, or upon the
 Land, in any of his Majesty’s Islands, Plantations, Colonies,
 Dominions, Forts, or Factories, to be appointed for that Pur-
 pose by the King’s Commission or Commissions under the

Great Seal of *England*, or the Seal of the Admiralty of *England*, directed to all or any of the Admirals, Vice-Admirals, Rear-Admirals, Judges of Vice-Admiralties, or Commanders of any of his Majesty's Ships of War, and also to all or any such Person or Persons, Officer or Officers, by Name, or for the Time being, as his Majesty shall think fit to appoint; which said Commissioners shall have full Power jointly or severally, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of them, or any one of them, to commit to safe Custody any Person or Persons, against whom Information of Piracy, Robbery, or Felony upon the Sea, shall be given upon Oath (which Oath they or any one of them shall have full Power, and are hereby required to administer) and to call and assemble a Court of Admiralty on Ship-board, or upon the Land, when and as often as Occasion shall require; which Court shall consist of seven Persons at the least.

No. 4.
11 and 12
William III.
c. 7.

Admiralty
Court to consist
of seven Per-
sons.

II. And if so many of the Persons aforesaid cannot conveniently be assembled, Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any three of the aforesaid Persons (whereof the President or Chief of some *English* Factory, or the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Member of his Majesty's Councils in any of the Plantations or Colonies aforesaid, or Commander of one of his Majesty's Ships, is always to be one) shall have full Power and Authority, by virtue of this Act, to call and assemble any other Persons on Ship-board, or upon the Land, to make up the Number of seven.

III. Provided, That no Persons but such as are known Merchants, Factors, or Planters, or such as are Captains, Lieutenants, or Warrant Officers in any of his Majesty's Ships of War, or Captains, Masters, or Mates of some *English* Ship, shall be capable of being so called, and sitting and voting in the said Court.

Persons qualifi-
ed to sit and
vote, &c.

IV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Persons called and assembled as aforesaid, shall have full Power and Authority, according to the Course of the Admiralty, to issue Warrants for bringing any Persons accused of Piracy or Robbery, before them to be tried, heard, and adjudged; and to summon Witnesses, and to take Informations and Examinations of Witnesses upon their Oath; and to do all Things necessary for the hearing and final Determination of any Case of Piracy, Robbery, and Felony; and to give Sentence and Judgment of Death, and to award Execution of the Offenders convicted and attainted as aforesaid, according to the Civil Law, and the Methods and Rules of the Admiralty; and that all and every Person and Persons so convicted and attainted of Piracy or Robbery, shall have and suffer such Losses of Lands, Goods and Chattels, as if they had been attainted and convicted of any Piracies, Felonies, and Robberies according to the aforementioned Statute made in the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth.

Power of Court
so called in case
of Trial of Pi-
rate, &c.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so soon as any Court shall be assembled as aforesaid, either on Ship-board or upon the Land, the

King's Com-
mission to be
first read.

No. 4.
11 and 12
William III.
c. 7
President to
take the follow-
ing Oath.

King's Commission shall first be openly read, and the said Court then and there shall be solemnly and publickly called and proclaimed; and then the President of the Court shall, in the first Place, publickly in open Court take the following Oath, *viz.*

I *A. B.* do swear in the Presence of Almighty God, That I will truly and impartially try and adjudge the Prisoner or Prisoners which shall be brought upon his or their Trials before this Court, and honestly and duly, on my Part, put his Majesty's Commission for the trying of them in Execution, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge: And that I have no Interest, directly or indirectly, in any Ship or Goods, for the Piratically taking of which any Person stands accused, and is now to be tried:

' So help me God.'

And then to ad-
minister the
same to the
other Members.

How Prisoners
shall be brought
before them and
tried.

Prisoners plead-
ing Not guilty,
Witnesses shall
be examined
viva voce.

VI. And he having taken the Oath in Manner aforesaid, shall immediately administer the same Oath to every Person who shall sit, and have and give a Voice in the said Court upon the Trial of such Prisoner or Prisoners as aforesaid; and immediately thereupon the said Prisoner or Prisoners shall be formally brought before them; and then the Register of the said Court shall openly and distinctly read the Articles against such Prisoner or Prisoners, upon which they or any of them is or are to be tried; wherein shall be set forth the particular Fact or Facts of Piracy, Robbery, and Felony, with the Time and Place when and where, and in what Manner it was committed; and then each Prisoner shall be asked, Whether he be guilty of the said Piracy and Robbery, or Felony, or not guilty? Whereupon every such Prisoner shall immediately plead thereunto, Guilty, or Not guilty, or else it shall be taken as confessed, and he shall suffer such Pains of Death, Loss of Lands, Goods and Chattels, and in like Manner, as if he or they had been attainted or convicted upon the Oath of Witnesses, or his own Confession; but if any Prisoner shall plead Not guilty, Witnesses shall be produced by the Register, and duly sworn and examined openly, *viva voce*, in the Prisoner's Presence; and after a Witness hath answered all the Questions proposed by the President of the Court, and given his Evidence, it shall and may be lawful for the Prisoner to have the Witness cross-examined, by first declaring to the Court what Questions he would have asked, and thereupon the President of the Court shall interrogate the Witness accordingly; and every Prisoner shall have Liberty to bring Witnesses for his Defence, who shall be sworn, and examined upon Oath, as the Witnesses were that testified against him; and afterwards the Prisoner shall be fairly heard what he can say for himself; all which being done, the Prisoner shall be taken away and kept in safe Custody, and all other Persons, except the Register, shall withdraw from the said Court, and then the Court shall consider of the Evidence which hath been given, and debate the Matters

and Circumstances of the Prisoner's Case, and the President of the Court shall collect all the Votes of the Persons who do sit and have Voices in the said Court, beginning at the Junior first, and ending with himself; and according to the Plurality of Voices, Sentence and Judgment shall be then given and pronounced publicly in the Presence of the Prisoner or Prisoners, being called in again; and according to such Sentence and Judgment the Person or Persons attainted shall be executed and put to Death, at such Time, in such Manner, and in such Place upon the Sea, or within the ebbing or flowing thereof, as the President or the Major Part of the Court, by Warrant directed to a Provost Marshal (which the President or said Major Part shall have Power to constitute) shall appoint.

No. 4.
11 and 12
William III.
c. 7.

How Sentence
shall be execu-
ted.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That some Person, being a Publick Notary, shall be Register of the Court; and in case of his Absence, Death, or Incapacity, or for want of a Person so qualified, the President of the Court shall and may appoint a Register, giving him an Oath (which he is hereby impowered to administer) duly, faithfully, and impartially to execute his Office; which Register shall prepare all Warrants and Articles, and take care to provide all Things requisite for any Trial, according to the substantial and essential Parts of Proceedings in a Court of Admiralty, in the most summary Way; and shall take Minutes of the whole Proceedings, and enter them duly in a Book by him to be kept for that Purpose; and shall from Time to Time, as Opportunity offers, transmit the same, with the Copies of all Articles and Judgments given in any such Cases, in any Court whereof he shall be Register, unto the High Court of Admiralty of England.

Register of the
Court to be a
Publick Notary.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of his Majesty's natural-born Subjects, or Denizens of this Kingdom, shall commit any Piracy or Robbery, or any Act of Hostility, against others his Majesty's Subjects upon the Sea, under Colour of any Commission from any foreign Prince or State, or Pretence of Authority from any Person whatsoever, such Offender and Offenders, and every of them, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be Pirates, Felons, and Robbers; and they and every of them being duly convicted thereof, according to this Act, or the aforesaid Statute of King Henry the Eighth, shall have and suffer such Pains of Death, Loss of Lands, Goods, and Chattels, as Pirates, Felons, and Robbers upon the Seas ought to have and suffer.

King's Subjects,
&c. committing
Piracy on
others of the
King's Sub-
jects by Com-
mission from
any foreign
Prince, shall be
adjudged Pi-
rates, &c. and
suffer Death.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Commander or Master of any Ship, or any Seaman or Mariner, shall in any Place where the Admiral hath Jurisdiction, betray his Trust, and turn Pirate, Enemy, or Rebel, and piratically and feloniously run away with his or their Ship or Ships; or any Barge, Boat, Ordnance, Ammunition, Goods, or Merchandizes, or yield them up voluntarily to any Pirate, or shall bring any seducing Messages from any Pirate, Enemy, or Rebel, or con-

Commander or
Mariner who
shall betray his
Trust, or turn
Pirate, &c.

<p>No. 4. 11 and 12. William III. c. 7.</p>	<p>sult, combine, or confederate with, or attempt or endeavour to corrupt any Commander, Master, Officer, or Mariner to yield up or run away with any Ship Goods, or Merchandizes, or turn Pirate, or go over to Pirates, or if any Person shall lay violent Hands on his Commander, whereby to hinder him from fighting in Defence of his Ship and Goods committed to his Trust, or that shall confine his Master, or make, or endeavour to make a Revolt in the Ship, shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be a Pirate, Felon, and Robber, and being convicted thereof, according to the Directions of this Act, shall have and suffer Pains of Death, Loss of Lands, Goods, and Chattels, as Pirates, Felons, and Robbers upon the Seas ought to have and suffer.</p>
<p>or Person lay- ing violent Hands on his Commander, &c. shall be ad- judged a Pirate, and suffer Death.</p>	<p>‘ X. And whereas several evil-disposed Persons, in the Plantations and elsewhere, have contributed very much towards the Increase and Encouragement of Pirates by setting them forth, and by aiding, abetting, receiving, and concealing them and their Goods, and there being some Defects in the Laws for bringing such evil-disposed Persons to condign Punishment;’ Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, who, after the twenty-ninth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred, shall either on the Land, or upon the Seas, knowingly or wittingly set forth any Pirate, or aid and assist, or maintain, procure, command, counsel or advise any Person or Persons whatsoever, to do or commit any Piracies or Robberies upon the Seas, and such Person and Persons shall thereupon do or commit any such Piracy or Robbery, then all and every such Person or Persons whatsoever, so as aforesaid setting forth any Pirate, or aiding, assisting, maintaining, procuring, commanding, counselling or advising the same, either on the Land or upon the Sea, shall be and are hereby declared, and shall be deemed and adjudged to be accessary to such Piracy and Robbery done and committed; and further, That after any Piracy or Robbery is or shall be committed by any Pirate or Robber whatsoever, every Person and Persons, who knowing that such Pirate or Robber has done or committed such Piracy and Robbery, shall on the Land or upon the Sea, receive, entertain or conceal any such Pirate or Robber, or receive or take into his Custody any Ship, Vessel, Goods or Chattels, which have been by any such Pirate or Robber piratically and feloniously taken, shall be and are hereby likewise declared, deemed and adjudged to be accessary to such Piracy and Robbery; and that after the said nine and twentieth Day of September, all such Accessaries to such Piracies and Robberies shall and may be enquired of, tried, heard, determined and adjudged after the common Course of the Laws of this Land, according to the said Statute made in the twenty-eighth Year of King Henry the Eighth, as the Principals of such Piracies and Robberies may and ought to be, and no otherwise; and being thereupon attainted, shall suffer such Pains of Death, Losses of Lands, Goods and Chattels, and in like</p>
<p>Persons setting forth, or aiding or assisting any Pirate, &c.</p>	
<p>shall be adjud- ged Accessaries.</p>	
<p>The like for concealing Pi- rate, &c.</p>	
<p>How Accessa- ries shall be tried.</p>	

Manner, as the Principals of such Piracies, Robberies and Felonies ought to suffer, according to the said Statute of King Henry the Eighth, which is hereby declared to be and continue in full Force; any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

‘XI. And forasmuch as it will also conduce to the suppression of Robberies on the Sea, if due Encouragement be given, and Rewards allowed, to such Commanders, Masters, and other Officers, Seamen, and Mariners, as shall either bravely defend their own Ships, or take, seize and destroy Pirates, Sea Rovers, and Enemies;’ Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any *English* Ship shall have been defended against any Pirates, Enemies, or Sea Rovers by Fight, and brought to her designed Port, in which Fight any of the Officers or Seamen shall have been killed or wounded, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Judge of his Majesty’s High Court of Admiralty, or his Surrogate in the Port of *London*, or the Mayor, Bailiff, or Chief Officer in the several Out Ports of this Kingdom, upon the Petition of the Master or Seamen of such Ship, so defended as aforesaid, to call unto him four or more good and substantial Merchants, and such as are no Adventurers or Owners of the Ship or Goods so defended, and have no Manner of Interest therein, and by Advice with them to raise and levy upon the respective Adventurers and Owners of the Ship and Goods so defended, by Process out of the said Court, such Sum or Sums of Money as himself and the said Merchants, by Plurality of Voices, shall determine and judge reasonable, not exceeding two Pounds *per Centum* of the Freight, and of the Ship and Goods so defended, according to the first Costs of the Goods; which Sum or Sums of Money so raised, shall be distributed among the Captain, Master, Officers, and Seamen of the said Ship, or Widows and Children of the slain, according to the Direction of the Judge of the said Court, or his Surrogate in the Port of *London*, or the Mayor, Bailiff or Chief Officer in the several Out-ports of this Kingdom, with the Approbation of the Merchants aforesaid, who shall proportion the same, according to their best Judgment, unto the Ship’s Company as aforesaid, having special Regard unto the Widows and Children of such as shall have been slain in that Service, and such as have been wounded or maimed.

XII. And for the better and more effectual Prevention of Combinations and Confederacies, for the running away with or destroying of any Ship, Goods or Merchandizes; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Reward of ten Pounds for every Ship or Vessel of one hundred Tuns or under, and fifteen Pounds for every Ship or vessel of a greater Burthen, shall be paid by the Captain, Commander, or Master of every Ship or Vessel, wherein any such Combination or Confederacy shall be set on Foot, for the running away with or destroying any such Ship, or the Goods and Merchandizes therein laden, to such Person as shall first make a Discovery paid.

No. 4.
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William III.
c. 7.

Encouragement
for Command-
ers and Mari-
ners to defend
their Ships
against Pirates,
&c.

Reward to Dis-
coverer of any
Combination
for running
away with
Ship, &c.

and how to be

No. 4.
11 and 12
William III
c. 7.

Act to be in
Force for seven
Years.

* Made perpetual
by 6 G. 1.
c. 19. and en-
forced by 8 G.
1. c. 24.

Commissioners,
&c. shall have
Power to try
the aforesaid
Crimes in all
the Colonies,
&c. in America.

Governors of
the said Colo-
nies, &c. to as-
sist Commis-
sioners, &c.

and deliver up
Pirates, &c.

Penalty on Go-
vernors, &c. not
yielding Obedi-
ence to this Act.

How Commis-
sions for trying
of Offences
within the Ju-
risdiction of the
Cinque Ports
shall be direct-
ed, and Inqui-
sition made.

thereof, upon due Proof of such Combination or Confederacy ; the same to be paid at the Port where the Wages of the Seamen of the said Ship are or ought to be paid, after such Discovery and Proof made.

XIII. Provided also, That this Act shall be in Force for seven Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament after the Expiration of the said seven Years, and no longer.

XIV. And for the more effectual Prosecution and Punishment of Piracies, Felonies and Robberies upon the Sea, and of all other Offences aforementioned ; Be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed by the aforementioned Statute of King *Henry the Eighth*, or the Commissioners for Trial of Pirates appointed by this Act, shall, from and after the said nine and twentieth Day of *September* one thousand seven hundred, have the sole Power and Authority of trying, hearing, and determining the said Crimes and Offences, within all or any of the Colonies and Plantations in *America*, governed by Proprietors, or under Grants or Charters from the Crown, and of bringing the Offenders to condign Punishment ; and shall and may issue forth their Warrant or Warrants for the Seizing and apprehending of any Pirates, Felons, or Robbers upon the Sea, or their Confederates or Accessories, being within any of the said Colonies and Plantations, in order to their being brought to Trial within the same, or any other Plantation in *America*, according to this Act, or sent into *England* to be tried there ; and that all and every Governor and Governors, Person and Persons in Authority in the said Colonies and Plantations governed by Proprietors, or under Charters as aforesaid, shall assist the Commissioners and their subordinate Officers in doing their Duty, and also in the Execution of such Warrants and otherwise, and shall deliver up to such Commissioner or Commissioners, Officer or Officers, any Pirates, Felons and Robbers upon the Sea, and their Confederates and Accessories, in order to their being tried or sent into *England* as aforesaid ; any Letters Patents, Grants or Charters of Government, in and about the said Plantations, or other Usages heretofore had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

XV. And be it hereby further declared and enacted, That if any of the Governors in the said Plantations, or any Person or Persons in Authority there, shall refuse to yield Obedience to this Act, such Refusal is hereby declared to be a Forfeiture of all and every the Charters granted for the Government or Propriety of such Plantation.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever any Commission for the Trial and Punishment of the Offences aforesaid, or any of them, shall be directed or sent to any Place within the Jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, that then every such Commission shall be directed unto the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports for the Time being, or to his Lieutenant, and unto such other Persons as the Lord High Chancellor, or Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*

for the Time being, or Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal, shall name and appoint; and likewise that every Inquisition and Trial, to be had by virtue of such Commission so directed and sent to any Place in the said Cinque Ports, shall be made and had by the Inhabitants of the said Cinque Ports, or the Members of the same; any Thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

'XVII. And for the Prevention of Seamen deserting of Merchant Ships Abroad in Parts beyond the Seas, which is the chief Occasion of their turning Pirates, and of great Detriment to Trade and Navigation in general; Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Seamen, Officers or Sailors, who shall desert the Ships or Vessels wherein they are hired to serve for that Voyage, shall for such Offence forfeit all such Wages as shall be then due to him or them.

No. 4.
11 and 12
William III.
c. 7.

Seamen deserting Merchant Ships to lose their Wages.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Master of a Merchant Ship or Vessel shall, after the nine and twentieth Day of September one thousand and seven hundred, during his being Abroad, force any Man on Shore, or wilfully leave him behind in any of his Majesty's Plantations, or elsewhere, or shall refuse to bring Home with him again all such of the Men which he carried out with him, as are in a Condition to return, when he shall be ready to proceed in his Homeward-bound Voyage, every such Master shall, being thereof legally convicted, suffer three Months' Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize.

Penalty on Master, &c. forcing Seaman on Shore, or refusing to bring him Home.

No. 5.

8 George I. c. 24. — An Act for the more effectual suppressing of Piracy.

'WHEREAS the Number of Persons committing Piracies, Felonies and Robberies upon the Seas, is of late very much increased; and notwithstanding the Laws already made and now in Being, many idle and profligate Persons have turned Pirates, and betaken themselves to that wicked Course of Life, whereby the Trade and Navigation into remote Parts will greatly suffer, unless some further Provision be speedily made for bringing such Persons, and all others who shall be any ways aiding and assisting, or in Confederacy with them, to condign Punishment; Be it therefore declared and enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Commander or Master of any Ship or Vessel, or any other Person or Persons, shall, from and after the twenty-fifth Day of March which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, anywise trade with any Pirate, by Truck, Barter, Exchange, or in any other Manner, or shall

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8 George I.
c. 24.

Commanders of Ships or others, trading with Pirates, furnishing them with Stores, corresponding with them, &c.

No. 5. furnish any Pirate, Felon or Robber upon the Seas, with any Ammunition, Provision or Stores of any Kind, or shall fit out any Ship or Vessel knowingly, and with a Design to trade with, any Ship or Vessel knowingly, and with a Design to trade with, or supply or correspond with any Pirate, Felon or Robber upon the Seas, or if any Person or Persons shall any ways consult, combine, confederate or correspond with any Pirate, Felon or Robber on the Seas, knowing him to be guilty of any such Piracy, Felony or Robbery, such Offender and Offenders, and every of them, shall in each and every of the said Cases be deemed, adjudged and taken to be guilty of Piracy, Felony and Robbery, and he and they shall and may be inquired of, tried, heard and adjudged of and for all or any the Matters aforesaid, according to the Statute made in the twenty-eighth Year of King *Henry* the Eighth for Pirates, and the Statute made in the eleventh and twelfth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual suppressing of Piracy," which by an Act made in the sixth Year of his present Majesty is made perpetual, and he and they, being convicted of all or any the Matters aforesaid, shall suffer such Pains of Death, Loss of Lands, Goods and Chattels, as Pirates, Felons and Robbers upon the Seas ought to suffer; and in case any Person or Persons belonging to any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, upon meeting any Merchant-Ship or Vessel on the High-Seas, or in any Port, Haven or Creek whatsoever, shall forcibly board or enter into such Ship or Vessel, and though they do not seize and carry off such Ship or Vessel, shall throw over-board, or destroy any Part of the Goods or Merchandizes belonging to such Ship or Vessel, the Person or Persons who shall be guilty thereof, shall in all Respects be deemed and punished as Pirates as aforesaid.

Forcibly board-
ing any Mer-
chant-Ship, and
throwing any
Goods over-
board, punished
as Pirates.

Ships and the
Goods forfeited,
Half to the
Crown, Half to
the Discoverers.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Ship or Vessel which shall be fitted out with a Design to trade with, or supply, or correspond with any Pirate, and all and every Goods and Merchandizes put on board the same for any Intent or Purpose to trade with any Pirate, Felon or Robber on the Seas, shall be *ipso facto* forfeited; one Moiety thereof to the Use of the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the other Moiety to the Person or Persons who shall first make Discovery, and give Information of such Intent or Design; and such Person or Persons, who shall first make such Discovery, shall and may sue for and recover the said Ship or Vessel, and all and every the Goods and Merchandizes on board the same, in the High Court of Admiralty.

III. And whereas there are some Defects in the Laws for bringing Persons, who are Accessaries to Piracy and Robbery upon the Seas, to condign Punishment, if the Principal, who committed such Piracy and Robbery, is not or cannot be apprehended and brought to Justice; Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, who by the said Statute made in the eleventh and twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, are declared to be Accessary or Accessaries to any Piracy or Robbery therein mentioned. are hereby declar-

Accessaries to
Piracy by 11 &
12 W. 3. c. 7.

red, and shall be deemed and taken to be principal Pirates, Felons and Robbers, and shall and may, from and after the said twenty-fifth Day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, be inquired of, heard, determined and adjudged, in the same Manner as Persons guilty of Piracy and Robbery may and ought to be inquired of, tried, heard, determined and adjudged by the said Statute made in the eleventh and twelfth Years of his late Majesty King *William*, and being thereupon attainted and convicted, shall suffer such Pains of Death, Loss of Lands, Goods and Chattels, and in like Manner as Pirates and Robbers ought by the said Act to suffer.

No. 5.
8 George I.
c. 24.
shall be deemed
Principals.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Offender or Offenders convicted of any Piracy, Felony or Robbery, by virtue of this Act, shall not be admitted to have the benefit of Clergy, but be utterly excluded of and from the same.

Offenders con-
victed on this
Act, excluded
the Benefit of
Clergy.

V. And to the End that a further Encouragement may be given to all Seamen and Mariners to fight and defend their Ships from Pirates, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Seaman or Mariner on board any Merchant Ship or Vessel, or any other Ship or Vessel, shall be maimed in Fight against any Pirate, every such Seaman and Mariner, upon due Proof of his being maimed in such Fight, shall not only have and receive the Rewards already appointed by a Statute made in the twenty-second and twenty-third Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, "An Act to prevent the delivering up of Merchant-Ships, and for the Increase of good and serviceable Seamen," but shall also be admitted into and provided for in *Greenwich Hospital*, preferable to any other Seaman or Mariner who is disabled from Service or getting a Livelihood merely by his Age.

Seamen maim-
ed in Fight
against Pirates,
shall receive
the Rewards in
22 & 23 Car. 2.
c. 11. and be
admitted into
Greenwich
Hospital.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Commander, Master, or other Officer, or any Seaman or Mariner of any Merchant-Ship or Vessel which carries Guns and Arms, shall not when they are attacked by any Pirate, or by any Ship or Vessel on which any such Pirate is on board, fight and endeavour to defend themselves, and their said Ship or Vessel from being taken by the said Pirate, or shall utter any Words to discourage the other Mariners from defending the Ship, and by reason thereof the said Ship or Vessel shall fall into the Hands of such Pirate; then, and in every such Case, every such Commander or Master, or other Officer, and every Seaman or Mariner, who shall not fight and endeavour to defend and save the said Ship or Vessel, or who shall utter any such Words as aforesaid, shall lose and forfeit all and every Part of the Wages due to him and them respectively, to the Owner and Owners of the said Ship or Vessel, and shall not be permitted to sue for or recover the same, or any Part thereof, in any Court either of Law or Equity, and as a farther Punishment shall suffer six Months Imprisonment.

Masters or Sea-
men not defend-
ing themselves
against Pirates,
&c. forfeit their
Wages and suf-
fer six Months'
Imprisonment.

VII. And for Prevention of Seamen or Mariners desert-
ing Merchant-Ships or Vessels abroad in the Plantations, or

Masters shall
not advance to

No. 5.

8 George I.
c. 24.any Seaman
above Half his
Wages, while
beyond Sea.

' in any other Parts beyond the Seas, which is the chief Occa-
' sion of their turning Pirates, and of great Detriment to Trade
' and Navigation, and is chiefly occasioned by the Owner or
' Owners of Ships or Vessels paying Wages to the Seamen or
' Mariners when abroad.' Be it enacted by the Authority
aforesaid, That no Master or Owner of any Merchant-Ship or
Vessel shall pay or advance, or cause to be paid or advanced,
to any Seaman or Mariner, during the Time he shall be in
Parts beyond the Seas, any Money or Effects upon Account of
Wages, exceeding one Moiety of the Wages which shall be
due at the Time of such Payment, until such Ship or Vessel
shall return to *Great Britain or Ireland*, or the Plantations, or
to some other of his Majesty's Dominions whereto they belong,
and from whence they were first fitted out; and if any such
Master or Owner of such Merchant-Ship or Vessel shall pay
or advance, or cause to be paid or advanced, any Wages to
any Seaman or Mariner above the said Moiety, such Master or
Owner shall forfeit and pay double the Money he shall so pay
or advance, to be recovered in the High Court of Admiralty,
by any Person who shall first discover and inform of the same.

Commander of
a Man of War,
who shall re-
ceive any Goods
on board, except
Sec. shall forfeit
his Command,
be incapacitated,
and lose his
Wages.
' So much of this
Clause, as di-
rects the Pun-
ishment to be
inflicted by a
Court Martial
on any Captain
or other Of-
ficer, is repeal-
ed by 22 G. 2.
c. 33.'

' VIII. And whereas great Interruptions and Inconveni-
' encies may attend his Majesty's Service by the Captains or
' Commanders, or other Officers of his Majesty's Ships or
' Vessels of War, their receiving on board such Ships or Ves-
' sels, Goods and Merchandizes, and trading therewith con-
' trary to Instructions, which strictly forbid their doing the
same: To prevent therefore the said Interruptions and
Inconveniencies for the future, Be it enacted by the Authority
aforesaid, That in case any Captain, Commander, or other
Officer of any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, whether
such Ship or Vessel shall be employed at Home or Abroad, shall,
from and after the twenty-ninth Day of *September* in the Year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, re-
ceive on board, or permit to be received on board such Ship or
Vessel of War, any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever, in
order to trade or merchandize with the same either upon his
own or any other Person's Account, except Gold, Silver or
Jewels, and except the Goods or Merchandizes belonging to
any Merchant Ship or Vessel which may be shipwrecked, or
in imminent Danger of being shipwrecked either on the High
Seas, or in any Port, Creek or Harbour, within his Majesty's
Dominions at Home or Abroad, or elsewhere, in order to the
preserving them for their proper Owners; and except such
Goods or Merchandizes as they shall at any Time be ordered to
take or receive on board by Order of the Lord High Admiral
of *Great Britain*, or the Commissioners for executing that
Office for the Time being, or any three or more of them;
every such Captain, Commander or Officer of any of his Ma-
jesty's Ships or Vessels of War so offending, shall, upon his
being convicted thereof by a Court Martial, lose and forfeit the
Command and Office he then shall have in the said Ship or
Vessel of War, and shall be, and he is hereby for ever after-

wards rendered incapable to serve any longer in the same, or in any other Place or Office in the Naval Service of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; and such Captain, Commander, or other Officer, offending as aforesaid, shall, as a further Punishment for his said Offence, lose and forfeit to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, all the Wages due to him for his Service in the Ship or Vessel of War whereunto he shall belong, when or at any Time after such Offence shall be committed.

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IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Captain, Commander, or other Officer of the said Ship or Vessel of War, and all and every the Owners and Proprietors of such Goods or Merchandizes put on board such Ship or Vessel of War as aforesaid, shall lose, forfeit and pay the Value of all and every such Goods and Merchandizes so put on board as aforesaid; one Moiety of such full Value to such Person or Persons as shall make the first Discovery, and give Information of or concerning the said Offence, the other Moiety of such full Value to and for the Use of *Greenwich Hospital*; all which Forfeitures shall and may be sued for and recovered in the High Court of Admiralty.

X. And be it also enacted, that this Act shall extend to all his Majesty's Dominions in *Asia*, *Africa*, and *America*, and shall be taken as a Publick Act, and shall continue in Force for seven Years, from the twenty-fifth Day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, and from thence, to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. [Made perpetual by 2 Geo. 2. c. 28. sect. 7.]

To extend to
Asia, &c.
To be taken as
a public Act,
and be in Force
for seven
Years, &c.

No. 6.

18 George II. c. 30.—An Act to amend an Act made in the eleventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy."

WHEREAS by an Act made in the eleventh Year of King *William* the Third, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy;" It is (amongst other Things) enacted, That all Piracies, Felonies, and Robberies committed on the Sea, or in any Haven, River, Creek, or Place where the Admiral or Admirals have Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction, may be examined, enquired of, tried, and determined and adjudged, according to the Directions of the said Act, in any Place at Sea, or upon the Land, in any of his Majesty's Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Forts, or Factories, to be appointed for that Purpose by the King's Commission, in the Manner therein directed: And it is also thereby further enacted, That if any of his Majesty's natural born Subjects, or Denizens of this Kingdom shall commit any Piracy or Robbery, or any Act of Hostility,

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18 George II.
c. 30.

18 H. B. c. 15.

‘ against others of his Majesty’s Subjects, upon the Sea, under
 ‘ Colour of any Commission from any foreign Prince or State,
 ‘ or Pretence of Authority from any Person whatsoever, such
 ‘ Offenders shall be deemed Pirates, Felons, and Robbers;
 ‘ and they being duly convicted, according to the said Act, or
 ‘ according to an Act of the twenty-eighth Year of the Reign
 ‘ of King *Henry* the Eighth, therein recited, shall have and
 ‘ suffer such Pains of Death, Loss of Lands, Goods and Chat-
 ‘ tels, as Pirates, Felons, and Robbers upon the Seas, ought
 ‘ to have and suffer: And whereas, since the present Wars
 ‘ with *France* and *Spain*, divers of his Majesty’s natural-born
 ‘ Subjects have entered in the Service of his Majesty’s Enemies,
 ‘ on board Privateers, or other Ships, having Commissions
 ‘ from the Crowns of *France* or *Spain*, and committed divers
 ‘ Hostilities against his Majesty’s Subjects upon the Seas, in
 ‘ the *West Indies*, and other Parts: And whereas Doubts have
 ‘ arisen, whether as such Offenders have, by such their Ad-
 ‘ herence to the King’s Enemies, been guilty of High Treason,
 ‘ they can be deemed guilty of Felony, within the Intent of
 ‘ the said Act, and, as such, liable to be tried by the said
 ‘ Court of Admiralty appointed or to be appointed by virtue
 ‘ of the said Act:’ Therefore, to put an End to the said
 Doubts, and to prevent the Inconveniencies that must arise, by
 the Want of speedy Justice on such Offenders; May it please
 your most Excellent Majesty, that it may be enacted; And be
 it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with
 the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
 and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by
 the Authority of the same, That all Persons being natural-born
 Subjects, or Denizens of his Majesty, who during the present
 or any future Wars, have committed, or shall commit any
 Hostilities upon the Sea, or in any Haven, River, Creek, or
 Place, where the Admiral or Admirals have Power, Authority
 or Jurisdiction, against his Majesty’s Subjects, by Virtue or un-
 der Colour of any Commission from any of his Majesty’s Ene-
 mies, or have been, or shall be any other ways adherent, or
 giving Aid or Comfort to his Majesty’s Enemies upon the Sea,
 or in any Haven, River, Creek, or Place, where the Admiral
 or Admirals have Power, Authority or Jurisdiction, may be
 tried as Pirates, Felons and Robbers in the said Court of Ad-
 miralty, on Ship-board, or upon the Land, in the same Man-
 ner as Persons guilty of Piracy, Felony and Robbery, are by
 the said Act directed to be tried; and such Persons being upon
 such Trial convicted thereof, shall suffer such Pains of Death,
 Loss of Lands, Goods and Chattels, as any other Pirates, Fe-
 lons and Robbers ought, by virtue of the said recited Act of
 the eleventh Year of King *William* the Third, or any other
 Act, to suffer.

Subjects or
Denizens, dur-
ing any Wars,
committing
Hostilities at
Sea, &c. against
his Majesty’s
Subjects, where
the Admirals
have Power, or
giving Aid, &c.
to Enemies at
Sea, may be
tried as Pirates.
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Not to be tried
again for the
same Crime as
High Treason.

II. Provided, and it is hereby declared and enacted,
 That any Person who shall be tried and acquitted, or convict-
 ed, according to this Act, for any of the said Crimes, shall not
 be liable to be indicted, prosecuted, or tried again in *Great*

Britain, or elsewhere, for the same Crime or Fact as High Treason. No. 6.
18 George II.
c. 30.

III. Provided, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend to prevent any Persons guilty of any of the said Crimes, who shall not be tried according to this Act, from being tried for High Treason within this Realm, according to the aforesaid Act of the twenty-eighth Year of King Henry the Eighth. Criminals not tried by this Act may be tried for High Treason, by 28 H. 8. c. 15.

No. 7.

39 George III. c. 37.—An Act for Remedying certain Defects in the Law respecting Offences committed upon the High Seas.—[10th. May, 1799.]

‘WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth Year of King Henry the Eighth, it is enacted, That Treasons, Felonies, Robbers, Murthers, and Confederacies, committed on the High Seas, shall be enquired of, tried, and determined, in such Shires and Places in the Realm, as shall be limited by the King’s Commission to be directed for the same, in like Form and Condition as if any such Offence or Offences had been committed or done in or upon the Land: And whereas it is expedient to declare that other Offences committed on the Seas may be inquired of, tried, and determined in like Manner;’ Be it enacted and declared by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Offence and Offences, which, after the passing of this Act, shall be committed upon the High Seas out of the Body of any County of this Realm, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be Offences of the same Nature respectively, and to be liable to the same Punishments respectively, as if they had been committed upon the Shore; and shall be enquired of, heard, tried, and determined and adjudged, in the same Manner as Treasons, Felonies, Murthers, and Confederacies, are directed to be by the same Act. No. 7.
39 George III.
c. 37.
28 H. 8. c. 15. recited.

II. And be it further enacted, That when any Person or Persons shall be tried for the Crime of Murder or Manslaughter committed upon the Sea, by virtue of any Commission directed under the said Act, and shall be found guilty of Manslaughter only, such Person or Persons shall be entitled to receive the Benefit of Clergy in like Manner, and shall be subject to the same Punishment, as if he or they had committed such Manslaughter in or upon the Land. All Offences whatever committed on the High Seas shall be liable to the same Punishments as if committed on Shore, and shall be tried and adjudged in the same Manner as Felonies, &c. are directed by the recited Act. Persons tried for Murder or Manslaughter, and found guilty of Manslaughter only, shall be entitled to the Benefit of Clergy, and be subject to the same Punishment as if committed on Land.

No. 8.

46 George III. c. 54.—An Act for the more speedy Trial of Offences committed in distant Parts upon the Sea.
—[23d. May 1806.]

No. 8.
46 George III.
c. 54.
28 H. 8. c. 15.

11 & 12 Gul. 3.
c. 7.

All Offences
whatever, com-
mitted on the
Sea, &c. may
be tried in any
of his Majesty's
Islands, &c. by
virtue of the
King's Com-
mission under
the Great Seal;

‘WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, made in the twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, it is enacted, That all Treasons, Felonies, Robberies, Murders, and Confederacies, committed on the Sea, shall be enquired of, tried, and determined, according to the common Course of the Laws of this Land used for such Offences upon the Land within this Realm: And whereas by another Act of Parliament, made in the eleventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, “An Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy,” it is enacted, that all Piracies, Felonies, and Robberies, committed on the Sea; or in any Haven, River, Creek, or Place, where the Admiral or Admirals have Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction, may be examined, enquired of, tried, heard, and determined, and adjudged, in any Place at Sea, or upon the Land, in any of his Majesty’s Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Forts, or Factories, to be appointed for that Purpose by the King’s Commission, in the Manner therein directed, and according to the Rules of the Civil Law: And whereas Treasons, Murders, and divers other Felonies and Misdemeanours, not mentioned in the said Statute of the eleventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, cannot be tried by virtue of any Commission directed under that Act, but the Persons committing, or charged with having committed the same upon the Seas in or near the *East* or *West Indies*, and in Places very remote, can only be brought to Trial by sending them to *England* to be tried within this Realm, under the Commission directed by the said Statute of the twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth; whereby not only great Charges and Expences are incurred, but Offenders do oftentimes escape unpunished by reason of the Delay and Difficulties attending such Prosecutions: For Remedy whereof, and in order that one uniform Course of Trial may be had for all Treasons, Piracies, Felonies, Robberies, Murders, Conspiracies, and other Offences committed upon the Seas; Be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Treasons, Piracies, Felonies, Robberies, Murders, Conspiracies, and other Offences of what Nature or Kind soever, committed upon the Sea, or in any Haven, River, Creek, or Place, where the Admiral or Admirals have Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction, may be enquired of, tried, heard, determined, and adjudged, according to the Common Course of the Laws of this Realm used for Offences committed upon the

Land within this Realm, and not otherwise, in any of his Majesty's Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Forts, or Factories, under and by virtue of the King's Commission or Commissions, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to be directed to any such four or more discreet Persons as the Lord Chancellor of *Great Britain*, Lord Keeper or Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain* for the Time being, shall from Time to Time think fit to appoint; and that the said Commissioners so to be appointed, or any three of them, shall have such and the like Powers and Authorities for the Trial of all such Murders, Treasons, Piracies, Felonies, Robberies, Conspiracies, and other Offences, within any such Island, Plantation, Colony, Dominion, Fort, or Factory, as any Commissioners appointed or to be appointed according to the Directions of the said Statute of the twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, by any Law or Laws now in force, have or would have for the Trial of the said Offences within this Realm; and that all Persons convicted of any of the said Offences, so to be tried by virtue of any Commission to be made according to the Directions of this Act, shall be subject and liable to, and shall suffer all such and the same Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as by any Law or Laws now in force, Persons convicted of the same respectively would be subject and liable to in case the same were respectively inquired of, tried, heard, determined, and adjudged, within this Realm, by virtue of any Commission made according to the Directions of the said Statute of the twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 8.
46 George III.
c. 54.
and Commissioners shall have Powers as under 28 H. 8. c. 15.

PART V. CLASS XIV.

FELONY RELATING TO THE REVENUE.

No. 1.

52 George III. c. 143. — An Act for amending and reducing into one Act, the Provisions contained in any Laws now in force imposing the Penalty of Death for any Act done in Breach of or in Resistance to any Part of the Laws for collecting his Majesty's Revenue in *Great Britain*. — [23d. July 1812.]

No. 1.
52 George III.
c. 143.

Offences against
Revenue Laws.

Offences of
Persons employ-
ed by the Post
Office.

‘WHEREAS it is expedient, that the Provisions contained in any Laws now in force, for collecting his Majesty's Revenue in *Great Britain*, whereby the Penalty of Death is imposed for any Act done in Breach of or in Resistance to the said Laws, or any of them, should be amended and reduced into one Act;’ May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in all Cases where any Act to be done or committed after the passing of this Act, in Breach of or in Resistance to any Part of the Laws for collecting his Majesty's Revenue in *Great Britain*, would by the Laws now in force subject the Offender to suffer Death, as guilty of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy, by virtue of the said Laws, or any of them, such Act, so to be done or committed, shall be deemed and taken to be Felony with Benefit of Clergy, and punishable only as such, unless the same shall also be declared to be Felony without Benefit of Clergy by this Act.

II. And be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter Carrier, Post Boy, or Rider, or any other Officer or Person whatsoever employed by or under the Post Office of *Great Britain*, in

receiving, stamping, sorting, (1.) charging, carrying, conveying, or delivering Letters or Packets, or in any other (2.) Business relating to the said Office, shall, after the passing of this Act, secrete, embezzle, or destroy any Letter or Packet, or Bag or Mail of Letters with which he or she shall have been entrusted in consequence of such Employment, or which shall in any other Manner have come to his or her Hands or Possession, whilst so employed, containing (3.) the whole or any Part or Parts of any Bank Note, Bank Post Bill, Bill of Exchange, Exchequer Bill, *South Sea* or *East India* Bond, Dividend Warrant, either of the Bank, *South Sea*, *East India*, or any other Company, Society, or Corporation, Navy or Victualling or Transport Bill, Ordnance Debenture, Seaman's Ticket, State Lottery Ticket or Certificate, Bank Receipt for Payment on any Loan, Note of Assignment of Stock in the Funds, Letter of Attorney for receiving Annuities or Dividends, or for selling Stock in the Funds, or belonging to any Company, Society, or Corporation, *American* Provincial Bill of Credit, Goldsmith's or Banker's Letter of Credit, or Note for or relating to the Payment of Money, or other Bond or Warrant, Draft, Bill or Promissory Note (k.) whatsoever for the Payment of Money; or shall steal and take out of any Letter or Packet with which he or she shall have been so entrusted, or which shall have so come to his or her Hands or Possession, the Whole or any Part or Parts of any such Bank Note, Bank Post Bill, Bill of Exchange, Exchequer Bill, *South Sea* or *East India* Bond, Dividend Warrant, either of the Bank, *South Sea*, *East India*, or any other Company, Society, or Corporation, Navy or Victualling or Transport Bill, Ordnance Debenture, Seaman's Ticket, State Lottery Ticket or Certificate, Bank Receipt for Payment of any Loan, Note of Assignment of Stock in the Funds, Letter of Attorney for receiving Annuities or Divi-

No. 1.
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c. 143.

(1.) (2.) In *Shaw's Case*, Leach, Ca. 45, 2 E. P. C. 530, a Person charged on Statutes 5 Geo. III. c. 25. 7 Geo. III. c. 50. as employed in sorting and charging, was acquitted on that Count, because he was a Sorter only, and it was ruled that he could not be convicted upon another Count charging him as a Person employed; but the Judges were inclined to think, that he might have been convicted on the first Count, by a special finding that he was a Sorter only: of the Correctness of which Opinion I apprehend there can be very little Doubt, as it is a general Principle, that if the Case proved comes within the Description of that charged, it is sufficient, although it does not support the Whole of such Charge.

(3.) It was held that a Letter Carrier secreting the two Halves of a Bank Note sent on different Days, in different Letters, might be convicted on a Charge of secreting two Letters containing the Bank Note; *Moore's Case*, Leach, Ca. 257. Stealing a Letter containing Money, held not within the Statutes respecting the Post Office; but the Prisoner may be indicted for a common Larceny; *Skiit's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 23. A Letter Carrier obtaining Possession of the Letters in the Post Office before stamped, with a View to embezzle the Postage, is not guilty of stealing such Letters; *Howitt's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 39; and, semble, the Case would be the same, although the Letter contained a Bank Note. And see *Stoper's Case*, *ibid.* § 23, Leach, Ca. 46.

(4.) The paid Promissory Notes of a Country Bank, in their Transit from the Bankers in London to the Country, are within the Act; *Ranson's Case*, Leach, (4th. Ed.) 1090.

No. 1. depends, or for selling Stock in the Funds, or belonging to any
 32 George III. Company, Society, or Corporation, *American Provincial Bill*
 c. 143. of Credit, Goldsmith's or Banker's Letter of Credit or Note
 for or relating to the Payment of Money, or other Bond or
 Warrant, Draft, Bill, or Promissory Note whatsoever for the
 Payment of Money; every Person so offending, being thereof
 convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer
 Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Death.

Offences against
 Post Office.

III. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the passing of this Act, steal and take from any Carriage, or from the Possession of any Person employed to convey Letters sent by the Post of *Great Britain*, or from or out of any Post Office (5.) or House or Place for the Receipt or Delivery of Letters or Packets, or Bags or Mails of Letters sent or to be sent by such Post, any Letter or Packet, or Bag or Mail of Letters sent or to be sent by such Post, or shall steal and take any Letter (6.) or Packet out of any such Bag or Mail, every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy; and such Offences shall and may be enquired of, tried, and determined either in the County where the Offence shall be committed, or where the Party shall or may be apprehended. (7.)

Death.

Offences of
 Persons assist-
 ing others em-
 ployed by the
 Post Office.

IV. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the passing of this Act, counsel, command, hire, persuade, procure, aid, or abet any such Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter Carrier, Post Boy, or Rider, or any Officer or Person whatsoever employed by or under the said Office, in receiving, stamping, sorting, charging, carrying, conveying, or delivering Letters or Packets, or in any other Business relating to the said Office, to commit any of the Offences herein-before mentioned, or shall, with a fraudulent Intention, buy or receive the Whole or any Part or Parts of any such Security or Instrument as herein-before described, which shall have been contained in, and which, at the Time of buying or receiving thereof, he or she shall know to have been contained in any such Letter or Packet so secreted, embezzled, stolen, or taken by any Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter Carrier, Post Boy, or Rider, or any other Officer or Person so employed as aforesaid, or which such Person so buying or receiving as aforesaid shall at the Time of buying or receiving thereof know to have

(5.) Obtaining the Bags, under Pretence of being the Guard of the Mail, as a Stealing from the Post Office; *Pearce's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 39.

(6.) Ruled that the same Provision in Stat. 7 Geo. III. c. 50. did not extend to a Stealing by a Person employed in the Post Office; *Pooley's third Case*, Leach, (4th. Ed.) Ca. 322.

(7.) Where the Prisoner stole the Mail Bag from the Mail Coach, in his Passage from Bristol to London, and left the Mail in Middlesex, it was ruled that he could not be convicted in Middlesex for stealing *from the Carriage*, on account of its not appearing that the Bag was actually taken there; *Thomas's Case*, E. P. C. ch. 16. § 39.

been contained in and stolen and taken out of any Letter or Packet stolen and taken from or out of any Mail or Bag of Letters sent and conveyed by such Post, or from or out of any Post Office or House, or Place for the Receipt or Delivery of Letters or Packets, or Bags or Mails of Letters sent or to be sent by such Post; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy, and shall and may be tried, convicted, and attainted of such Felony, as well before as after the Trial or Conviction of the principal Felon, and whether the said principal Felon shall have been apprehended or shall be amenable to Justice or not.

V. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the passing of this Act, make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be made, forged or counterfeited, the Mark or Hand of the Receiver of the Pretines at the Alienation Office, upon any Writ of Covenant, whereby such Receiver or any other Person shall or may be defrauded, or suffer any Loss thereby; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

VI. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the passing of this Act, forge, counterfeit or alter, or cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited or altered, or knowingly or wilfully act or assist in the forging, counterfeiting or altering any Contract, Assignment, Certificate, Receipt or attested Copy of any Certificate made out or purporting to be made out by any Person or Persons authorized to make out the same by any Act of Parliament touching the Redemption or Sale of the Land Tax, or of any Part thereof; or if any Person shall wilfully utter any such forged, counterfeited, or altered Contract, Assignment, Certificate, Receipt or attested Copy of Certificate, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, with Intent to defraud his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

VII. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the passing of this Act, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, any Mark, Stamp, (8.) Die or Plate, which in pursuance of any Act or Acts of Parliament shall have been provided, made or used by or under the Direction of the Commissioners appointed to manage the Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment and Paper, or by or under the Direction of any other Person or Persons legally authorized in that Behalf, for expressing or denoting any Duty or Duties, or any Part

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Forging against
Alienation
Office.

Forging Certifi-
cates for Re-
demption or
Sale of Land
Tax.

Forging Stamps
on Paper, &c.

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thereof, which shall be under the Care and Management of the said Commissioners, or for denoting or testifying the Payment of any such Duty or Duties, or any Part thereof, or for denoting any Device appointed by the said Commissioners for the Ace of Spades, to be used with any playing Cards; or shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, the Impression or any Resemblance of the Impression, of any such Mark, Stamp, Die or Plate as aforesaid, upon any Vellum, Parchment, Paper, Card, Ivory, Gold or Silver Plate, or other Material; or shall stamp or mark, or cause or procure to be stamped or marked, any Vellum, Parchment, Paper, Card, Ivory, Gold or Silver Plate, or other Material, with any such forged or counterfeited Mark, Stamp, Die or Plate as aforesaid, with Intent to defraud his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, of any of the Duties, or any Part of the Duties under the Care and Management of the said Commissioners; or if any Person shall utter or sell, or expose to Sale, any Vellum, Parchment, Paper, Card, Ivory, Gold or Silver Plate, or other Material, having thereupon the Impression of any such forged or counterfeited Mark, Stamp, Die or Plate, or any such forged or counterfeited Impression as aforesaid, knowing the same respectively to be forged or counterfeited; or if any Person shall privately or secretly use any such Mark, Stamp, Die or Plate, which shall have been so provided, made or used by or under such Direction as aforesaid, with Intent to defraud his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, of any of the Duties, or any Part of the Duties under the Care and Management of the said Commissioners; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy. (9.)

Death.

Forging Stamps
on Wrought
Plate of Gold
or Silver, &c.

VIII. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the passing of this Act, transpose or remove, or cause or procure to be transposed or removed, from one Piece of wrought Plate of Gold or Silver to another, or to any Vessel or Ware of base Metal, any Impression made with any Mark, Stamp or Die, provided, made or used by or under the Direction of the said Commissioners of Stamps, or by or under the Direction of any other Person or Persons legally authorized in that Behalf, for denoting any Duty or Duties, or the Payment of any Duty or Duties granted to his Majesty on Gold or Silver Plate; or shall stamp or mark, or cause or procure to be stamped or marked, any Vessel or Ware of base Metal with any Mark, Stamp or Die, which shall have been forged or counterfeited in Imitation of, or to resemble any Mark, Stamp or Die so provided, made or used as aforesaid; or shall sell, exchange or expose to Sale, or export out of *Great Britain*, any Wrought Plate of Gold or Silver, or any Vessel or

(9.) By 53 Geo. III. c. 108. Offences respecting the Stamp Duties may be tried where the Offence was committed, or the Offender apprehended.

Ware of base Metal, having thereupon the Impression of any forged or counterfeited Mark, Stamp or Die, for denoting any such Duty or Duties, or the Payment of any such Duty or Duties, or any forged or counterfeited Impression of any Mark, Stamp or Die so provided, made or used as aforesaid, or any Impression of any such Mark, Stamp or Die, which shall have been transposed or removed from any other Piece of Plate as aforesaid, knowing the same respectively to be forged or counterfeited, or transposed or removed as aforesaid; or shall wilfully and without lawful Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Person accused), have or be possessed of any such forged or counterfeited Mark, Stamp or Die, for denoting any such Duty or Duties, or the Payment thereof; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Death Benefit of Clergy.

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IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person (not being lawfully appointed or authorized so to do) shall make, or cause or procure to be made, or shall knowingly aid or assist in the making, or without being so appointed or authorized as aforesaid, shall knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession, without lawful Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Person accused), any Frame, Mould or Instrument, for the making of Paper, with the Words 'Excise Office' visible in the Substance of such Paper, or shall make or cause or procure to be made, or knowingly aid or assist in the making any Paper, in the Substance of which the Words 'Excise Office' shall be visible; or if any Person (except as before excepted) shall by any Art, Mystery, or Contrivance, cause or procure the said Words 'Excise Office' to appear visible in the Substance of any Paper whatever; or if any Person (not being so appointed or authorized as aforesaid) shall engrave, cast, cut, or make, or shall cause or procure to be engraven, cast, cut, or made, any Mark, Stamp, or Device, in Imitation of or to resemble any Mark, Stamp, or Device made or used by the Direction of the Commissioners of Excise in *England* or *Scotland*, or the major Part of them respectively, for the Purpose of printing, stamping, or marking of any Paper to be used as or for a Permit or Permits to accompany any exciseable Commodity or Commodities removing or removed from one Part of *Great Britain* to any other Part thereof, in pursuance of the Directions of any of the several Statutes requiring such Permit; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Making Frames
used in making
of Paper.

X. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, with Intent to defraud his Majesty, falsely make, forge, counterfeit or alter, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, counterfeited or altered, or willingly assist in falsely making, forging, counterfeiting or altering any Debenture, or any Certificate for the Payment

Forging Debentures for Return of Money from Duties of Customs or Excise.

No. 1. or Return of any Money, or any Part of any such Debenture or
 52 George III. Certificate, or any Signature thereon, in any Case in which
 c. 143. such Debenture or Certificate is by any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Duties of Customs or Excise required or directed to be given or granted; or shall wilfully, with such Intent as aforesaid, utter, publish, or make use of any such Debenture or Certificate, or Part thereof, so being wholly or in Part falsely made, forged, counterfeited or altered; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Death.

Assisting with Arms in illegal Exportation of Wool or other Goods, or in opposing Revenue Laws, &c.

XI. And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Persons, to the Number of three or more, armed with Fire Arms or other offensive Weapons, shall hereafter within *Great Britain*, or within the Limits of any Port, Harbour, or Creek thereof, or within the *Isle of Man*, or within the Limits of any Port, Harbour or Creek thereof, be assembled in order to be aiding and assisting in the illegal Exportation of Wool or other Goods prohibited to be exported; or in the carrying of Wool or other such Goods in order to such Exportation; or in the illegal running, landing, or carrying away prohibited or uncustomed Goods, or Goods liable to pay any Duties which shall not have been paid or secured; or in the illegal relanding of any Goods whatsoever, which shall have been shipped or exported upon Debenture or Certificate, or from any Warehouse wherein such Wool or other Goods shall have been deposited under any Act of Parliament for the securing the Home Consumption Duties thereon; or in rescuing or taking away any such Wool or other Goods as aforesaid after Seizure from any Officer or Officers of the Customs or Excise, or other Officer or Officers authorized to seize the same, or other Person or Persons employed by him or them, or assisting him or them, or from the Place where the same shall have been lodged by him or them; or in rescuing any Person who shall have been apprehended for any of the Offences made Felony by any Act relating to the Revenues of Customs or Excise of *Great Britain*, or in preventing the apprehending any Person who shall have been guilty of any such Offence; or in case any Persons, to the Number of three or more, so armed as aforesaid, shall hereafter within *Great Britain*, or within the Limits of any Port, Harbour or Creek thereof, or within the *Isle of Man*, or within the Limits of any Port, Harbour, or Creek thereof, be so aiding or assisting; or if any Person shall maliciously shoot at or upon any Ship, Vessel or Boat belonging to his Majesty's Navy, or in the Service of the Customs or Excise, within the Limits of any Port, Harbour or Creek of *Great Britain*, or within the *Isle of Man*, or within the Limits of any Port, Harbour or Creek thereof, or in any Port of the *British* or *Irish* Channels, or on the high Seas within one hundred Leagues of the Coast of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*; or if any Person shall, either on Shore or on the Water, within the Limits last aforesaid, maliciously shoot at, maim, or dangerously

wound, any Officer or Officers of his Majesty's Army, Navy, Marines, Militia, or Volunteers, or any other his Majesty's Military or Naval Forces, or of the Customs or Excise, or any other Person or Persons aiding or assisting any such Officer or Officers, when acting in the due Execution of his or their Duty under any of the Powers, Authorities, or Provisions of any Act relating to the Revenues of Customs or Excise of *Great Britain*, or of any Act for the Prevention of Smuggling; every Person so offending, and every Person aiding, abetting or assisting therein, shall, being thereof convicted, be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy; and every such Offence which shall be committed within any Port, Harbour, Creek, Haven or Roadstead, of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark* or *Man* respectively, the same may and shall be enquired of, tried and determined, in the said Islands respectively; and every such Offence committed elsewhere out of the United Kingdom, may and shall be enquired of, tried, and determined in any County of the United Kingdom; and every such Offence committed within *England*, *Scotland* or *Ireland* respectively, may and shall be enquired of, tried and determined within such Part of the said United Kingdom in which such Offence shall have been respectively committed, but in any County or Shire of such Part of the said United Kingdom, in such Manner and Form as if the Offence had been committed in the County or Shire in which the same shall be enquired of, tried and determined.

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Death.
Offences in
Guernsey, &c.,
where deter-
mined.

XII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall be charged by Information on Oath before any Justice of the Peace, or other Person competent to take such Information in any Part of the United Kingdom, with being guilty of so assembling, aiding or assisting, or of so maliciously shooting, maiming or wounding as aforesaid, within the Limits hereinbefore respectively specified, in any case wherein any such Officer as aforesaid, or any Person aiding or assisting any such Officer in the Execution of his Duty as aforesaid, shall have been killed, such Information shall be forthwith certified by the Justice or other Person taking the same under his Hand and Seal, to one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, who shall forthwith lay the same before his Majesty in his Privy Council; and his Majesty may thereupon, if he shall so think fit, by his Order in Council, require and command the Person so charged with such Offence, that he do, within the Space of sixty Days, or such longer Time as to his Majesty shall seem fit, after the Publication of such Order in the *London Gazette*, surrender himself to the Lord Chief Justice, or any other Justice of the King's Bench, or to any Justice of the Peace, or other Person competent to take such Surrender as in such Order shall be specified; and may further order and require such Order to be proclaimed by the Sheriff of the County where the Offence shall have been committed, if committed within any County of the United Kingdom, and if not committed within any such County, then by the

Proceedings in
Cases of shoot-
ing or wound-
ing, &c.*

* As to Proceedings under this Provision, which is taken from 19 Geo. II, c. 34; Foster, 51; 1 Wils. 164.

No. 1. Sheriff of any County near to the Place wherein the Offence
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 c. 143. Privy Council shall cause such Order to be forthwith printed and published in the *London Gazette*, and such Publication to be repeated once in every Week after such first Publication, until the Expiration of the said sixty Days, or such other Time as shall be appointed by such Order for the Surrender of such Offender, and shall also cause a Copy of such Order, attested by the Signature of one of the said Clerks, to be transmitted to the Sheriff of the County specified in such Order, who shall, within fourteen Days after the Receipt of such Copy, cause the same to be proclaimed between the Hours of ten in the Morning and two in the Afternoon, in the respective Market Places, upon the respective Market Days of two Market Towns, in the same County, if there shall be two such Towns; and if there shall be only one such Town, then in such Town, and in some other Place of general Resort within such County, and shall also cause a true Copy of such Copy of such Order to be affixed upon some public Place in each of such Market Towns or other Place where such Proclamation shall be made; and if the Person charged with such Offence as aforesaid shall surrender himself according to such Order, the Justice or other Person to whom he shall so surrender shall commit him to some Gaol or Prison within the Limits of his Jurisdiction, to be there dealt with according to Law; but if such Person, so charged and proclaimed as aforesaid, shall not so surrender himself within the Time limited in such Order, or shall after Surrender and before Trial for such Offence escape from Justice, such Person shall, from the Day appointed for such Surrender, be adjudged to be a Person attainted of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy, if the Offence shall be charged to have been committed in *England*, or within the Limits of any Port, Harbour, or Creek in *England* or *Ireland*, or within one hundred Leagues of the Coast thereof; and it shall be lawful for the Court of King's Bench, or the Justices of Oyer or General Gaol Delivery, or Great Sessions for the County or Place where such Offender shall be, to award Execution against such Offender, in such Manner as if he had been convicted and attainted in the said Court of King's Bench, or before such Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or General Gaol Delivery, or Great Sessions respectively; and if the Offence shall be charged to have been committed in *Scotland*, or within any Port or Harbour, or Creek thereof, or within one hundred Leagues of the Coasts thereof, such Person shall in the like Case be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be convicted of a Capital Crime, and shall suffer the Pain of Death, and Confiscation of Moveables, as in the Case of a Person found guilty of a Capital Crime and under Sentence for the same; and it shall be lawful for the Court of Justiciary, or the Lords of Justiciary in their Circuits in *Scotland*, to award Execution against such Offender, in such Manner as if he had been found guilty and condemned in the said Courts of Justiciary or Circuit Courts respectively.

Death.

Scotland.

PART V. CLASS XV.

OFFENCES RELATING TO QUARANTINE.

No. 1.

45 George III. c. 10.—An Act for making further Provision for the effectual Performance of Quarantine.
—[12th. March 1805.]

[I. Recital of 39 and 40 Geo. 3. c. 80, for erecting a Lazaret on Chetney Hill.—Grant for the same.—Treasury shall give Directions for completing the Lazaret, and appoint Officers, &c.] No: 1.
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[II. Floating Lazarets may be provided until the Lazaret shall be completed.]

[III. Certain Duties made payable by Owners of Vessels performing Quarantine.—Duties.—Duties shall be recovered as Duties of Customs.—Exemptions from Duties.]

[IV. Duties may be reduced, and afterwards increased.]

[V. Ships shall not be permitted to clear inwards until the Duties are paid.—Tonnage shall be computed as under 26 G. 3. c. 60.]

[VI. Ship Owners shall recover Duties of the Importers.]

[VII. Duties shall be carried to Consolidated Fund of Great Britain.]

[VIII. Duties shall be applied to Expences of the Lazaret.]

[IX. Repeal of 39 and 40 G. 3. c. 80. and all other Acts relating to Quarantine, except as to Arrears of Duty, &c.]

X. **A**ND be it further enacted, That all Ships and Vessels, as well his Majesty's Ships of War as all others, coming from or having touched at any Place from whence his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council, shall have adjudged and declared it probable that the Plague, or any other infectious Disease or Distemper, highly dangerous to the Health of his Majesty's Subjects, may be brought; and all Ships, Vessels, and Boats receiving any Person; Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, Packets, Packages, Baggage, Wearing Apparel, Books, Letters, or any other Articles whatever, from or out of any Ships or Vessels so coming from or having touched at such infected Place as aforesaid, whether such Persons, Goods, Wares and Merchandize, Packets, Packages, Baggage, Wearing Ap- What Ships,
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parel, Books, Letters, or other Articles, shall have come or been brought in such Ships or Vessels, or such Persons shall have gone, or Articles have been put on board the same, either before or after the Arrival of such Ships or Vessels at any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, and whether such Ships or Vessels were or were not bound to any Port or Place in *Great Britain* or the Islands aforesaid; and all Persons, Goods, Wares and Merchandize, Packets, Packages, Baggage, Wearing Apparel, Books, Letters, or any other Articles whatever, on board of any such Ships or Vessels so coming from or having touched at such infected Place as aforesaid, or on board of any such Receiving Ships, Vessels, or Boats as aforesaid, shall be and be considered to be liable to Quarantine within the Meaning of this Act, and of any Order or Orders which shall be made by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council concerning Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection from the Time of the Departure of such Ships or Vessels from such infected Place as aforesaid, or from the Time when such Persons, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Packets, Packages, Baggage, Wearing Apparel, Books, Letters, or other Articles shall have been received on board respectively; and all such Ships, Vessels, and Boats as aforesaid, and all Persons, (as well Pilots as others), Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles as aforesaid, whether coming or brought in such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, from such infected Place as aforesaid, or going, or being put on board the same, either before or after the Arrival of such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, at any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or the Islands aforesaid; and all Persons, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles as aforesaid, on board any such Receiving Ship, Vessel, or Boat, as aforesaid, shall, upon their Arrival at any such Port or Place, be obliged to perform Quarantine in such Place or Places, for such Time and in such Manner as shall from Time to Time be directed by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by his or their Order or Orders in Council, notified by Proclamation, or published in the *London Gazette*; and that until such Ships, Vessels, and Boats, Persons, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles as aforesaid, shall have respectively performed and shall be duly discharged from such Quarantine, no such Person, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or other Articles as aforesaid, or any of them, shall, either before or after the Arrival of such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, at any Port or Place in *Great Britain* or the Islands aforesaid, come or be brought on Shore, or go and be put on board any other Ship, Vessel, or Boat, in order to come or be brought on Shore, in any such Port or Place, although such Ships or Vessels so coming from such infected Place as aforesaid may not be bound to any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or the Islands aforesaid, unless in such Manner and in such Cases, and by such Licence as shall be directed or permitted by such Order or Orders made by his

Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in Council as aforesaid; and all such Ships, Vessels, and Boats, whether coming from such infected Place as aforesaid, or being otherwise liable to Quarantine as aforesaid, and all Persons, (as well Pilots as others), Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles as aforesaid, whether coming or brought in such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, or going or being put on board the same, either before or after the Arrival of such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, at any Port or Place in *Great Britain* or the Islands aforesaid, and although such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, shall not be bound to any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or the Islands aforesaid, and all Commanders, Masters, or other Persons having the Charge or Command of any such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, whether coming from any infected Place, or being otherwise liable to Quarantine, as aforesaid, shall be subject to all the Provisions, Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions contained in this Act, or in any Order or Orders which shall be made by his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in Council as aforesaid, concerning Quarantine and the Prevention of Infection; and to all the Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Punishments, contained in this Act, for any Breach or Disobedience thereof, or of any Order or Orders of his Majesty in Council, made under the Authority thereof.

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'Xl. And whereas certain Sorts of Goods and Merchandize are more especially liable to retain Infection, and may be brought from Places infected into other Countries, and from thence imported into *Great Britain*, or the Islands aforesaid;' Be it enacted, That all such Goods and Merchandize as shall be particularly specified for that Purpose in any Order or Orders made by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in Council, concerning Quarantine and the Prevention of Infection as aforesaid, which shall be brought or imported into any Port or Place in *Great Britain* or the Islands aforesaid, from any foreign Country or Place, in any Ship or Vessel whatever, and the Ships or Vessels in which the same shall be brought, and also all Ships and Vessels which shall arrive from any Port or Place whatever under any alarming or suspicious Circumstances as to Infection, shall be subject and liable to such Regulations and Restrictions as shall be made by such Order or Orders of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in Council as aforesaid, respecting the same.

Any Goods or Ships specified in any Order of Council, may be made subject to Quarantine.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lords and others of his Majesty's Privy-Council, or any three or more of them, to make such Order as they shall see necessary and expedient upon any unforeseen Emergency, or in any particular Case or Cases with respect to any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, arriving and having any infectious Disease or Distemper on board, or on board of which any infectious Disease or Distemper may have appeared in the Course of the Voyage, or arriving under any other alarming or suspicious Circumstances as to Infection, although such Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, shall not have come from any Place

The Privy Council may make such Orders as they shall think necessary upon Emergencies, respecting Ships or Goods;

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and in case of
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ease appearing
in Great Brit-
tain;

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ing Quarantine.

or Places from which his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy-Council, may have adjudged and declared it probable that the Plague, or any such infectious Disease or Distemper may be brought, and also with respect to the Persons, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles as aforesaid, on board the same; and in case of any infectious Disease or Distemper appearing or breaking out in *Great Britain* or the Islands aforesaid, to make such Orders, and give such Directions, in order to cut off all Communication between any Persons infected with any such Disease or Distemper and the rest of his Majesty's Subjects, as shall appear to the said Lords or others of his Majesty's Privy Council or any three or more of them, to be necessary and expedient for that Purpose; and likewise to make such Orders as they shall see fit for shortening the Time of Quarantine to be performed by particular Ships or Vessels, or particular Persons, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or any other Articles, or for wholly releasing particular Ships or Vessels, or particular Persons, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Articles from Quarantine, absolutely or conditionally; and generally to mitigate the strict Performance of Quarantine in particular Cases, as special Circumstances shall appear, in their Judgment, to require; and all such Orders so made by the Lords or others of the Privy Council, or any three or more of them as aforesaid, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, (as well with respect to the Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge of any such Ship or Vessel, and all other Persons on board the same, as with respect to any other Persons having any Intercourse or Communication with them, and to the Penalties, Forfeitures, and Punishments, to which they may respectively become liable), as any Order or Orders made by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council, concerning Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection as aforesaid, and notified by Proclamation or published in the *London Gazette*.

Regulations for
Vessels in
which Infection
shall appear,
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out the Streights
of Gibraltar,
previous to the
Lazaret at
Chetney Hill
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**See the Roll,
Qu. 'floating.'
See § 2. & 22.]*

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if the Plague, or such other infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, shall appear on board any Ship or Vessel within the Streights of *Gibraltar*, the Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge thereof, shall immediately proceed to some one of the [foreign*] Lazarets, and there perform Quarantine, until such Time as the Land Lazaret to be erected as aforesaid shall, by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council, and by Order of the same, notified by Proclamation, or published in the *London Gazette*, have been declared to be fit for the due Performance of Quarantine therein; but if such Plague, or other such infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, shall appear on board any Ship or Vessel without the Streights of *Gibraltar*, then the Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge or Command thereof, shall (unless such Land Lazaret shall have been so

declared to be fit for the due Performance of Quarantine therein) immediately proceed to the Harbour of *Saint Helen's, Jean and North Withel*, being two of the Islands commonly called *The Islands of Scilly*, or to such other Place as his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council, shall from Time to Time direct and appoint; where being arrived he shall make known his Case to some Officer of the Customs there, who shall immediately acquaint the Governor, Deputy Governor, or other Principal Magistrate thereof, and also the principal Officer of the Customs at some Port in *England* near thereunto; and the said principal Officer of the Customs at such near Port in *England* shall with all possible Speed send Intelligence thereof to the Commissioners of the Customs in the Port of *London*; and the said Governor, Deputy Governor, or other principal Magistrate shall, in like Manner, with all possible Speed, send Intelligence thereof to the Privy Council, to the End that such Measures may be taken for the Comfort and Support of the Crew and Passengers on board such Ship so infected, and such Precautions used to prevent the spreading of the Infection, as the Case shall require; and the said Ship or Vessel shall there remain until Directions shall be given relative thereto by the Lords or others of his Majesty's Privy Council, or any three or more of them; nor shall any of the Crew or Passengers on board thereof go on Shore; but in case the said Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of the said Ship or Vessel so infected, shall not be able to make the said Islands of *Scilly*, or other Place so appointed by his Majesty as aforesaid, or shall be forced by Stress of Weather or otherwise to go up either of the Channels, it shall not be lawful for him to enter with such Ship or Vessel into any other Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or the Islands of *Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man*, but he shall remain in some open Road till he receives Directions relative thereto from the Privy Council, and he shall use every necessary Means in his Power to prevent any of the Ship's Company or Passengers from going out of his Ship, and to avoid all Intercourse with other Ships, Vessels, or Persons; and such Ship's Company or Passengers shall, until such Commander, Master, or other Person shall have received such Directions, remain in such Ship, and shall avoid all Intercourse with other Ships, Vessels, or Persons; and such Master, and every other Person on board such Ship or Vessel shall obey such Directions as he shall receive from the Lords or others of his Majesty's Privy Council, or any three or more of them as aforesaid; and the said Commander, Master, or any other Person on board such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, who shall not act conformably to the Provisions and Regulations herein directed, or shall act in Disobedience to such Directions as shall be received on board such Ship or Vessel from the Lords or others of the Privy Council, or any three or more of them as aforesaid, shall be adjudged guilty of

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 being within
 four Leagues of
 the United
 Kingdom or
 Guernsey, &c.
 on Penalty of
 200 l.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That every Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge of any Ship or Vessel liable to the Performance of Quarantine, shall be and is hereby required at all Times when such Ship or Vessel shall meet with any other Ship or Vessel at Sea, or shall be within four Leagues of the Coast of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark* or *Man*, to hoist a Signal to denote that his Ship or Vessel is liable to the Performance of Quarantine; which Signal shall be, in the Day Time, if the said Ship or Vessel shall have a clean Bill of Health, a large yellow Flag of six Breadths of Bunting at the Main-top-mast Head; and if such Ship or Vessel shall not have a clean Bill of Health, then a like yellow Flag, with a circular Mark or Ball entirely Black in the Middle thereof, whose Diameter shall be equal to two Breadths of Bunting; and in the Night Time the Signal shall in both Cases be a large Signal Lanthorn, with a Light therein (such as is commonly used on board his Majesty's Ships of War), at the same Mast-head; and such Commander, Master, or other Person shall keep such Signals respectively, as the Case shall be, hoisted during such Time as the said Ship shall continue within Sight of such other Ship or Vessel, or within four Leagues of the said Coasts or Islands, and while so in Sight, or within such Distance, until such Ship or Vessel so liable to Quarantine as aforesaid shall have arrived at the Port or Place where it is to perform Quarantine, and until it shall have been legally discharged from the Performance thereof; on Failure whereof such Commander, Master, or other Person, having Charge of such Ship or Vessel so liable to the Performance of Quarantine, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

Penalty of 200l.
 on Persons
 hoisting Signals
 when not liable.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel, and knowing that the same is not liable to the Performance of Quarantine, shall hoist such Signals as aforesaid, or either of them, by Day or Night respectively, such Commander, Master, or other Person as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

Masters of Ves-
 sels, on their
 Arrival from
 foreign Parts,
 shall give to the
 Pilots an Ac-
 count of the
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Penalty 200l.
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XVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first Day of *June* one thousand eight hundred and six, as to all Ships or Vessels arriving from any Places beyond the *Cape of Good Hope*, or *Cape Horn*, in *South America*; and after the first Day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and five, as to all Ships or Vessels arriving from any Parts of *Africa* or *America*, not beyond those Capes, and from the *West Indies* and *Mediterranean*; and from and after the first Day of *May* one thousand eight hundred and five, as to all Ships and Vessels arriving from any other Places; every Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge of any Ship or Vessel coming from foreign Parts, shall give to the Pilot who shall go on board such Ship or Vessel a written Paper, containing a true

Account of the Names of the Place and Country at which such Ship or Vessel shall have loaded, and also of all the Places at which any such Ship or Vessel shall have touched on the homeward Voyage, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of two hundred Pounds for any Neglect or Refusal to give such Paper, or for any false Representation or wilful Omission therein; and if by any Proclamation or Order of his Majesty in Council, made after the Departure of any such Ship or Vessel from *Great Britain*, and then in force, Ships and Vessels coming from any Place mentioned in any such Paper shall be liable to the Performance of Quarantine, such Pilot shall immediately give Notice thereof to the Commander or other Person aforesaid of such Ship or Vessel, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of fifty Pounds for any Neglect therein; and such Commander or other Person shall thereupon hoist a proper Signal according to the Provisions of this Act, and under the Penalties in this Act contained, for any Neglect or Refusal in respect of hoisting such Signals.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Pilot shall bring or conduct, or cause to be brought or conducted, any Ship or Vessel liable to the Performance of Quarantine, into any Place which is not, or which shall not be specially appointed for the Reception of Ships and Vessels so liable, after receiving such Paper as aforesaid, whereby it shall have been made appear that such Ship or Vessel was liable to the Performance of Quarantine, or without requiring and receiving such Paper as aforesaid of and from every such Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge of any Ship or Vessel coming from foreign Parts, unless compelled by Stress of Weather, adverse Winds, or Accidents of the Sea, such Pilots shall for each and every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds.

XVIII. And, to the End that it may be the better known whether any Ship or Vessel be actually infected with the Plague, or other infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, or whether such Ship or Vessel, or the Mariners or Passengers coming, or the Cargo imported in the same, are liable to any Orders touching Quarantine; be it further enacted, That when any Country or Place shall be known to be, or suspected to be infected with the Plague, or other such infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, or when any Order or Orders shall be made by his Majesty in Council concerning Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection as aforesaid, then and in such Case, as often as any Ship or Vessel shall attempt to enter into any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or of the Isles of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, whether such Port shall have been appointed for the Performance of Quarantine or not, the Superintendent of Quarantine, or his Assistant, if there shall be such Superintendent or Assistant at such Port or Place, or if not, the principal Officer of his Majesty's Customs at such Port or Place, or such Officer of the Customs as shall be authorized by the Commissioners of the Customs, or any four or

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 45 George III. or Vessel, and shall, at a convenient Distance from such Ship
 c. 10. or Vessel, demand of the Commander, Master, or other Person
 having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, and such Commander,
 Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel
 shall upon such Demand give a true Answer in Writing or
 otherwise, and upon Oath or not upon Oath, according as he
 shall by such Superintendant or his Assistant, or other Officer
 of the Customs authorized as aforesaid, be required, to all
 such Questions or Interrogatories as shall be put to him, by
 virtue and in pursuance of such Regulations and Directions
 as his Majesty, by Order in Council, shall be pleased to
 prescribe; and in case such Commander, Master, or other Person
 having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall, upon such Demand
 made as aforesaid, refuse to make a true Discovery in any
 of the Particulars concerning which he shall be interrogated
 in Manner aforesaid, or in case he shall not be required to
 answer such Questions or Interrogatories upon Oath, shall
 give a false Answer to any such Question or Interrogatory
 as aforesaid, such Commander, Master, or other Person having
 Charge of such Ship or Vessel, for every such Offence shall
 forfeit and pay the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

Ships subject to Quarantine arriving at any Port except that at which it ought to be performed may be forced to repair to the appointed Place.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall appear upon such Examination or otherwise, that such Ship or Vessel is under such Circumstances as shall render it liable to perform Quarantine, and that the Port or Place where it so arrives, or at which it attempts to enter as aforesaid, is not the Port or Place where it ought so to perform Quarantine, in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Officers of any of his Majesty's Ships of War, or of any of his Majesty's Forts or Garrisons, and all other his Majesty's Officers, upon Notice thereof given to them or any of them respectively, and to and for any other Person or Persons whom they shall call to their Aid and Assistance, and such Officers and other Persons are hereby required, to oblige such Ship or Vessel to go and repair to such Place as hath been or shall be appointed for Performance of Quarantine, and to use all necessary Means for that Purpose, either by firing of Guns upon such Ship or Vessel, or by any other Kind of necessary Force whatsoever; and in case any such Ship or Vessel shall come from or shall have touched at any Place infected by the Plague, or such other infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, or shall have any Person on Board actually infected with the Plague, or such other infectious Disease or Distemper, as aforesaid, and the Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, knowing that the Place from whence he came, or at which he had touched as aforesaid, was infected with the Plague, or such other infectious Disease or Distemper, or knowing some Person on board to be actually infected with the Plague, or such other infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, shall refuse or omit to disclose the same upon such Examination as aforesaid, or shall wilfully omit to hoist the Signal

Masters of Vessels having touched at infected Places, &c. omitting to disclose the same, or to hoist prescribed Signals, shall be guilty of Felony without Clergy.

herein-before directed, to denote that his Ship or Vessel is liable to the Performance of Quarantine, at the Times and on the Occasions herein directed with respect to the same, such Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

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XX. And be it further enacted, That every Commander, Master or other Person having Charge of any Ship or Vessel which shall be ordered to perform Quarantine as aforesaid, shall forthwith, after his Arrival at the Place appointed for the Performance of his Quarantine, deliver, on Demand, to the Superintendent of Quarantine, or his Assistant, or other Officer of the Customs authorized as aforesaid to act in that Behalf, and which Superintendent, Assistant, or other Officer as aforesaid, is hereby required to make such Demand, his Bill of Health and Manifest, together with his Log Book and Journal, under Pain of forfeiting the Sum of one hundred Pounds, if he shall wilfully refuse and neglect so to do.

Commanders shall deliver up Bills of Health, Manifests, and Log-books, to the Superintendent of Quarantine. Penalty 100l.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of any Ship or Vessel liable to perform Quarantine, and on board of which the Plague or other such infectious Disease or Distemper shall not then have appeared, shall himself quit, or shall knowingly permit or suffer any Seaman or Passenger coming in such Ship or Vessel to quit such Ship or Vessel by going on Shore, or by going on board any other Ship, Boat, or Vessel, before such Quarantine shall be fully performed, unless in such Cases and by such proper Licence as shall be directed and granted, and by virtue of such Order or Orders to be made concerning Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection as aforesaid; or in case any Commander, Master, or other Person, having Charge of such Ship or Vessel shall not, within a convenient Time after due Notice given for that Purpose, cause such Ship or Vessel, and the Lading thereof to be conveyed into the Place or Places appointed for such Ship, Vessel and Lading, to perform their Quarantine respectively, then and in every such Case every such Commander, Master, or other Person as aforesaid, for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay the Sum of five hundred Pounds; and if any Person coming in any Ship or Vessel liable to perform Quarantine (or any Pilot or other Person going on board the same, either before or after the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel at any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or the Islands aforesaid) shall, either before or after such Arrival, quit such Ship or Vessel by going on Shore in any Port or Place in *Great Britain* or the Islands aforesaid, or by going on board any other Ship, Vessel, or Boat, with Intent to go on Shore as aforesaid, before such Ship or Vessel, so liable to Quarantine as aforesaid, shall be regularly discharged from the Performance thereof, it shall and may be lawful for all Persons whatsoever, by any Kind of necessary Force, to compel such Pilot or other Person so quitting such

Penalty of 500l. on Masters, &c. quitting Vessels, or permitting Persons to quit them, or not conveying Ships to the appointed Places; and 200l. and six Months' Imprisonment on Persons coming in such Vessels, or going on board, for quitting them before discharged.

No. 1. Ship or Vessel so liable to Quarantine, to return on board the same; and every such Pilot or other Person so quitting such
 45 George III. Ship or Vessel so liable to Quarantine, shall for every such
 c. 10. Offence suffer Imprisonment for the Space of six Months, and shall forfeit and pay the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

No Goods shall be landed from Vessels having performed Quarantine in a foreign Lazaret, without Notice to the Officer of the Customs, nor before Directions from the Privy Council, on Penalty of 200*l*.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That when any Ship or Vessel which has performed Quarantine in any foreign Lazaret shall arrive in any of the Ports of *Great Britain*, or the Isles of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, with a clean Bill of Health, no Goods or Merchandize shall be permitted to be landed or unshipped, unloaded or moved, in order to be landed out of such Ship or Vessel; but the Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, shall immediately upon his Arrival give Notice thereof, and of the foreign Port or Ports in which such Ship or Vessel hath performed Quarantine, to the principal Officer of his Majesty's Customs at the Port where he shall arrive, or at the Port nearest thereto, in order that the same may be forthwith laid before his Majesty's Privy Council; and if the Commander, Master, or other Person as aforesaid, or any Person whatsoever, shall land, or shall unship, unload, or move, in order to land any Goods or Merchandize out of the said Ship or Vessel, before an Order of his Majesty's Privy Council shall be made, giving Directions therein, or otherwise than shall be directed in the said Order, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

For punishing Disobedience or refractory Behaviour by Force in Persons under or liable to Quarantine, or Persons having Intercourse with them.

XXIII. And whereas Disobedience or refractory Behaviour in Persons under Quarantine, or liable to the Performance of Quarantine, or in other Persons who may have had any Intercourse or Communication with them, may be attended with very great Danger to his Majesty's Subjects; be it further enacted, That all Persons liable to perform Quarantine, and all Persons having had any Intercourse or Communication with them, whether in Ships or in a Lazaret, or elsewhere, shall be subject, during the said Quarantine, or during the Time they shall be liable to Quarantine, to such Orders as they shall receive from the Superintendant of Quarantine or his Assistant, or from the principal Officer of the Customs at any Port or Place where there is no such Superintendant or Assistant, or from any other Officer of the Customs authorized as aforesaid to act in that Behalf; and the said Officers are hereby empowered and required to enforce all necessary Obedience to the said Orders, and in case of Necessity to call in others to their Assistance, and all Persons so called in are hereby required to assist accordingly; and such Officers shall, and they are hereby empowered and required to compel all Persons liable to perform Quarantine as aforesaid, and Persons having had any Intercourse or Communication with them, to repair to such Lazaret, Ship, Vessel, or Place, and to cause all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles comprized within any such Orders to be made as last aforesaid, to be conveyed to such Lazaret, Ship, Vessel, or Place duly ap-

pointed in that Behalf, in such Manner and according to such Directions as shall be made by Order of his Majesty in Council as aforesaid, or of the Lords and others of the Privy Council, or of any three or more of them; and if any Person or Persons liable to perform Quarantine as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons having had any Intercourse or Communication with him, her, or them, shall wilfully refuse or neglect to repair forthwith, when required and directed so to do by such Officer as aforesaid, to the said Lazaret, Ship, Vessel, or Place duly appointed in that Behalf, or having been placed in the said Lazaret, Ship, Vessel, or Place, shall escape or attempt to escape out of the same before Quarantine duly performed, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Quarantine Officers, and also the Watchmen and other Persons appointed to see Quarantine performed, and each of them, and they are hereby respectively required, by such necessary Force as the Case shall require, to compel every such Person so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, and every such Person so escaping or attempting to escape as aforesaid, to repair or return to such Lazaret, Ship, Vessel, or Place so appointed as aforesaid; and every Person so refusing or neglecting to repair forthwith, as aforesaid, to the said Lazaret, Ship, Vessel, or Place, and also every Person actually escaping as aforesaid, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

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Penalty on Disobedience, Felony without Clergy.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Constable, Headborough, Tythingman, or other Peace Officer, or any other Person, to seize and apprehend any Person that shall, contrary to the Provisions of this Act, have quitted or come on Shore from any Ship or Vessel liable to perform Quarantine, or who shall have escaped from or quitted any Ship or Vessel under Quarantine, or from any Lazaret, Ship, Vessel, or Place, appointed in that Behalf; for the Purpose of carrying such Person before any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, and it shall be lawful for any such Justice of the Peace or Magistrate to grant his Warrant for the apprehending and conveying of any such Person to the Ship or Vessel from which he or she shall have come on Shore, or to any Ship or Vessel performing Quarantine, or Lazaret, from which he or she shall have escaped, or for the confining of any such Person in any such Place of safe Custody, (not being any public Jail), and under such Restrictions as to having any Communication with any other Persons, as may, in the Discretion of any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, (calling to his Aid, if he shall see fit, any medical Person), appear to be proper, until such Person can be safely and securely conveyed to some Place appointed for the Performance of Quarantine, or until Directions can be obtained from the Privy Council, as to the Disposal of any such Person, and to make any further Order or grant any further Warrant that may be necessary in that Behalf.

Persons quitting Ships liable to perform Quarantine, &c. may be seized.

No. 1. [XXV. Indemnity for Orders in Council for sending afloat to perform
 45 George III. Quarantine Persons who had had Interourse with a Vessel from which Dan-
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XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer of his Majesty's Customs, or any other Officer or Person whatsoever to whom it doth or shall appertain to execute any Order or Orders made or to be made concerning Quarantine, or the Prevention of Infection, and notified as aforesaid, or to see the same put in Execution, shall knowingly and wilfully embezzle any Goods or Articles performing Quarantine, or be guilty of any other wilful Breach or Neglect of his Duty in respect of the Ships, Persons, Goods, or Articles performing Quarantine, every such Officer and Person so offending shall forfeit such Office or Employment as he may be possessed of, and shall become from thenceforth incapable to hold or enjoy the same, or to take a new Grant thereof; and every such Officer and Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds; and if any such Officer or Person shall desert from his Duty when employed as aforesaid, or shall knowingly and wilfully permit any Person, Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandize, to depart or be conveyed out of the said Lazaret, Ship, or other Place as aforesaid, unless by Permission under an Order of his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, or under an Order of three or more of the Lords or others of his Privy Council, or if any Person hereby authorized and directed to give a Certificate of a Ship having duly performed Quarantine or Airing, shall knowingly give a false Certificate thereof, every such Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy; and if any such Officer or Person shall knowingly and wilfully damage any Goods performing Quarantine under his Direction, he shall be liable to pay Treble Damages and full Costs of Suit to the Owner of the same.

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 shall perform
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 escape may be
 compelled to re-
 turn; and such
 Persons escaping
 shall be guilty of
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XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person not infected with the Plague, or other infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, nor liable to perform Quarantine, shall enter the said Lazaret, or other Place so appointed as aforesaid, whilst any Person or Persons infected with the Plague, or being under Quarantine shall be therein, such Person so entering the said Lazaret, or other Place so appointed as aforesaid shall perform Quarantine there; and if he or she shall return or attempt to return from thence, unless in such Cases and by such Licences as shall be directed and granted by virtue of such Order or Orders of his Majesty in Council, or of the Lords or others of his Majesty's Privy Council, or any three or more of them, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Quarantine Officers, Watchmen, and other Persons appointed to guard or secure the said Lazaret or other Place so appointed as aforesaid, by such necessary Force as the Case shall require, to compel such Persons so returning or attempting to return, to repair into the said Lazaret or other Place so

appointed as aforesaid, there to continue and perform Quarantine; and in case such Person shall actually escape out of the said Lazaret, or other Place where he or she ought to have performed Quarantine, before he or she shall have fully performed the same, he or she shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

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[XXVIII. After Proof of Performance of Quarantine, and proper Certificate to that Effect, Vessels or Persons shall not be liable to further Detention.]

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles liable to Quarantine as aforesaid, shall be opened and aired in such Place or Places, and for such Time and in such Manner, as shall be directed by his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, by such Order or Orders to be made as aforesaid; and after such Orders shall have been duly complied with, a Certificate thereof shall be given by the chief Officer appointed to superintend the Quarantine, and Airing of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles, or by the Person acting for him, and Proof thereof shall be made by the Oaths of two or more credible Witnesses, before the Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs at the Port lying next to such Place or Places, where such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or other Articles, shall have been opened and aired as aforesaid, or before any Justices of the Peace living near the same, or before any two Jurats or Magistrates of the said Isles of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, respectively; which Collector or other principal Officer, or such Justice, or Jurats or Magistrates respectively, as the Case may be, shall also make Certificate of such Proof having been made; and upon the Production of such Certificates to his Majesty's Commissioners of the Customs in *England* or *Scotland*, respectively, or to the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, Commander in Chief, or chief Magistrates of any of the said last-mentioned Islands, as the Case may be, such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles, shall be forthwith discharged from any Restraint or Detention upon the same account, by Order of the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, or of the said Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Commander in Chief, or chief Magistrate respectively.

Goods liable to perform Quarantine shall be opened and aired as directed by Order in Council, Proof of which shall be made before the Officer of the Customs, &c. who shall grant Certificates thereof, which shall entitle them to be discharged from further Detention.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall knowingly and wilfully forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, any Certificate directed and required to be granted by this Act, or shall publish as true any such forged or counterfeited Certificate, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited; he or she shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

Penalty on Persons forging Certificates, &c. Felony without Clergy.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall land or unship, or shall move, in order to the landing or unshipping thereof, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize,

Penalty on Persons landing Goods, &c. from Vessels.

No. 1. Packets, Packages, Baggage, Wearing Apparel, Books, Letters, or any other Articles whatever, from on board any Ship or Vessel liable to perform Quarantine as aforesaid, or shall knowingly receive the same after they have been so landed or unshipped, every such Person shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding the Sum of five hundred Pounds, nor less than the Sum of one hundred Pounds; and if any Person or Persons shall clandestinely convey, or shall secrete or conceal for the Purpose of conveying, any Letters, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or other Articles as aforesaid, from any Ship or Vessel actually performing Quarantine, or from the Lazaret or other Place where such Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Articles as aforesaid, shall be performing Quarantine, every such Person so offending as last aforesaid shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

and Felony
without Clergy.

His Majesty in
Cases of Infection
may prohibit
Vessels under
twenty
Tons from sailing
until Bond
be given by the
Master, conditioned
not to
touch at Places
specified, &c.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall at any Time happen that any Part of *Great Britain, Ireland,* or the Isles of *Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man,* or *France, Spain, or Portugal,* or the *Low Countries,* shall be infected with the Plague, or any other such infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, by his or their Proclamation, to prohibit and restrain all small Boats and Vessels under the Burthen of twenty Tons, from sailing or passing out of any Port or Place of *Great Britain,* or the Isles of *Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man,* or any of them, until Security be first given by the Master of every such Boat or Vessel respectively, to the Satisfaction of the Principal Officer of the Customs, or the Chief Magistrate of the Port or Place from whence such Boat or Vessel shall sail, by Bond taken by such Officer or Magistrate, to the King, his Heirs or Successors, with sufficient Sureties, in the Penalty of three hundred Pounds, with Condition that if such Boat or Vessel shall not go to or touch at any Country, Port, or Place, to be mentioned for that Purpose in such Proclamation, and if neither the Master or other Person having Charge of such Boat or Vessel, nor any Mariner or Passenger in such Boat or Vessel, shall, during the Time aforesaid, go on board any other Ship or Vessel at Sea, and such Master, or other Person having Charge of such Boat or Vessel, shall not permit or suffer any Person or Persons to come on board such Boat or Vessel at Sea, from any other Ship or Vessel, and shall not, during the Time aforesaid, receive any Goods and Merchandize whatsoever, out of any other Ship or Vessel, then such Bond shall be void; for the making of which Bond no Fee or Reward whatsoever shall be taken; and in case any Boat or Vessel, for which such Security shall be required by such Proclamation, shall set sail or pass out of any Port or Place of *Great Britain,* or the Islands of *Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man,* or any of them respectively, before such Security be given as aforesaid, every such Boat or Vessel so sailing or passing out of any Port or

Place, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, No. 1.
together with her Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, shall be 45 George III.
forfeited to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the Mas- c. 10.
ter of and every Mariner sailing in any such Boat or Vessel, Penalty for sail-
shall severally forfeit and pay the Sum of twenty Pounds. ing without giv-
ing such Securi-
ty; Forfeiture,
and 20l. per
Man.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Publication in the *London Gazette* of any Order in Council, or of any Order by three or more of the Lords or others of his Majesty's Privy Council, made in pursuance of this Act, or his Majesty's Royal Proclamation, made in pursuance of the same, shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient Notice to all Persons concerned of all Matters therein respectively contained. Publication in *London Gazette* of Orders of Council, &c. sufficient Notice.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Forfeitures and Penalties aforesaid, that shall be incurred by reason of any Offence committed against any Part of this Act, shall and may be recovered by Suit in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in which no Essoign or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be granted, or in *Scotland* by summary Action in the Court of Session, or by Prosecution before the Court of Justiciary there, or by Suit in any of his Majesty's Courts in the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*; and every such Forfeiture and Penalty shall belong and be given, one Moiety to the Person who shall inform and sue for the same, and the other Moiety to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to be applied towards defraying the Expences of erecting and maintaining the Lazaret as aforesaid. Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to commence, prosecute, enter, or file, or cause or procure to be commenced, prosecuted, entered, or filed, any Action, Bill, Complaint, Information, or Prosecution, or Actions, Bills, Complaints, Informations, or Prosecutions, in any of his Majesty's Courts in *England* or *Scotland*, or any Proceeding or Proceedings before any Justices of the Peace of any County, Riding, Division, City, Town, Stewatry, or Place, for the Recovery of any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, incurred by reason of any Offence committed against this Act, or against any Order or Orders made by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in Council, or by any three or more of the Lords or others of his Majesty's Privy Council as aforesaid, unless the same be commenced, prosecuted, entered, or filed in the Name of his Majesty's Attorney General in *England*, or Advocate in *Scotland*, respectively, or in the Name or Names of some Officer or Officers of the Customs in *England* or *Scotland*, respectively; and if any Action, Bill, Complaint, Information, or Prosecution, Actions, Bills, Complaints, Informations, or Prosecutions, or any Proceeding or Proceedings before any Justices as aforesaid, shall be commenced, prosecuted, entered, or filed, in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons than is in that Behalf before-mentioned, the same shall be and are hereby declared to be null and void. Actions for Penalties shall be prosecuted in Name of Attorney General, &c.

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In Prosecutions
by Officers of
the Customs the
Attorney General in England
or Advocate in
Scotland may
stop Proceed-
ings.

Persons autho-
rised to take
Examinations
may administer
Oaths, and Per-
sons swearing
falsely, or pro-
curing others so
to do, shall be
deemed guilty
of Perjury.

Offences, not
being Felony,
and Offences
not punished by
specific Penalty,
may be deter-
mined before
two Justices,
who may fine
not exceeding
50*l*. or impris-
on not exceed-
ing three
Months.

XXXVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in case any Prosecution, Suit, Complaint, or other Proceeding as aforesaid, shall be commenced or depending by any Officer or Officers of the Customs, for the Recovery of any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, incurred by reason of any Offence committed against this Act, or against any Order or Orders made by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in Council, or by any three or more of the Lords or others of his Majesty's Privy Council as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for his Majesty's Attorney General in England, or Advocate in Scotland, respectively, to stop all further Proceedings therein, as well with respect to the Share of such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, to which any such Officer or Officers shall or may claim to be entitled, as to the Share thereof belonging to his Majesty, if upon Consideration of the Circumstances under which any such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, may have been incurred, it shall appear to them respectively to be fit and proper so to do.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein, by or by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, any Examinations or Answers shall be taken or made upon Oath, the Person who shall be authorized and required to take such Examinations and Answers, shall and shall be deemed to have full Power and Authority to administer such Oaths; and if any Person who shall be so interrogated or examined, shall wilfully swear falsely to any Matter, concerning which such Person shall depose or make Oath on such Examination or in such Answers, or if any Person shall procure any other Person so to do, he or she so swearing falsely, or procuring any other Person so to do, shall be deemed to have been guilty of, and shall be liable to be prosecuted for wilful and corrupt Perjury, or Subornation of wilful and corrupt Perjury, as the Case may be, and shall suffer the Pains, Penalties, and Punishments, of the Law, in such Case respectively made and provided.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Offences committed against any of the Provisions of this Act, not being Felony, and every Offence or Disobedience to any Order of Council, made for the better carrying into Execution this Act, for which no specific Penalty, Forfeiture, or Punishment is provided by this Act, shall and may be tried, heard, and determined before any two Justices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Division, City, or Place where such Offence or Disobedience shall happen; and if any Person shall be convicted of any such Offence or Disobedience, he or she shall be liable to such Forfeiture and Penalty, not exceeding the Sum of fifty Pounds for any one Offence, or to such Imprisonment not exceeding three Months for any one Offence, as shall, in the Discretion of the two Justices who shall have heard and determined the same, be judged proper; and such Forfeiture and Penalty shall be paid, one Moiety to the Person suing for the same, and the other to his Majesty, to be

applied as the Moieties of other Forfeitures and Penalties herein-before directed to be applied.

XXXIX. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That no Attainder of Felony by virtue of this Act, shall be extended to work any Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture of any Goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments.

XL. And be it further enacted, That in any Prosecution, Suit, or other Proceeding against any Person or Persons whatsoever, for any Offence against this Act, or any Act which may hereafter be passed concerning Quarantine, or for any Breach or Disobedience of any Order or Orders which shall be made by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council concerning Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified or published as aforesaid, or of any Order or Orders made by three or more of the Lords or others of the Privy Council as aforesaid, the Answer or Answers of the Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of any Ship or Vessel, to any Questions or Interrogatories put to him by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, or of any Act which may hereafter be passed concerning Quarantine, or of any such Order or Orders as aforesaid, may and shall be given and received as Evidence so far as the same relates or relate to the Place from which such Ship or Vessel came, or to the Place or Places at which such Ship or Vessel touched in the Course of her Voyage; and where any Ship or Vessel shall have been directed to perform Quarantine by the Superintendant of Quarantine or his Assistant, or where there is no such Superintendant or Assistant, by the Principal Officer of the Customs at any Port or Place, or other Officer of the Customs authorized as aforesaid to act in that Behalf, the having been so directed to perform Quarantine may and shall be given and received as Evidence that such Ship or Vessel was liable to Quarantine, unless satisfactory Proof shall be produced by the Defendant or Defendants in any such Prosecution, Suit, or other Proceeding, to shew that the Ship or Vessel did not come from or touch at any such Place or Places as is or are stated in the said Answer or Answers, or that such Ship or Vessel, although directed to perform Quarantine, was not liable to the Performance thereof; and where any Ship or Vessel shall in fact have been put under Quarantine at any Port or Place, by the Superintendant of Quarantine or his Assistant, or other Officer of the Customs authorized as aforesaid to act in that Behalf, and shall actually be performing the same, such Ship or Vessel shall, in any Prosecution, Suit, or other Proceeding against any Person or Persons whatever, for any Offence against this Act, or any other Act which may hereafter be passed concerning Quarantine, or against any Order or Orders concerning Quarantine, and the prevention of Infection, which shall be made by his Majesty in Council, or by three or more of the Lords or others of his Privy Council as aforesaid, be deemed and taken to be liable to Quarantine, without proving

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No Attainder of Felony shall work Corruption of Blood, &c.

Answers of Persons having the Charge of Vessels shall be received as Evidence, so far as relates to the Places from which Vessels came, or at which they touched, and the having been directed to perform Quarantine shall be received as Evidence that Vessels were liable thereto, unless Proof be made to the contrary, and the being performing Quarantine shall be Proof of Vessels being liable to perform it.

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 45 George III. Vessel became liable to the Performance thereof.
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On Affidavit of
 Indictment filed
 for Offences
 under this Act,
 a Judge may
 cause the Party
 to be appre-
 headed, and if
 he refuse to be-
 come bound for
 Appearance, he
 may be com-
 mitted to Gaol.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Per-
 son or Persons shall be charged with any Offence against this
 Act, or any Act which shall hereafter be passed concerning
 Quarantine, or with any Breach or Disobedience of any Order
 or Orders which shall be made by his Majesty, his Heirs or
 Successors, in Council as aforesaid, or of any Order or Orders
 made by the Lords or others of the Privy Council, or any three
 or more of them as aforesaid, and the same shall be made ap-
 pear to any Judge of his Majesty's Court of King's Bench by
 Affidavit or by Certificate, of an Indictment or Information
 being filed against such Person or Persons in the said Court for
 such Offence, it shall and may be lawful for such Judge to
 issue his Warrant in Writing under his Hand and Seal, and
 thereby to cause such Person or Persons to be apprehended and
 brought before him or some other Judge of the said Court, or
 before some one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in order
 to his, her, or their being bound to the King's Majesty with
 two sufficient Sureties in such Sum as in the said Warrant shall
 be expressed, with Condition to appear in the said Court at the
 Time mentioned in such Warrant, and to answer to all and
 singular Indictments or Informations for any of the Offences
 aforesaid; and in case such Person or Persons shall neglect or
 refuse to become bound as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such
 Judge or Justice of the Peace respectively, to commit such Per-
 son or Persons to the Common Gaol of the County, City, or
 Place where the Offence shall have been committed, or where
 he, she, or they shall have been so apprehended, until he, she,
 or they shall have become bound as aforesaid, or shall be dis-
 charged by Order of the said Court of King's Bench in Term
 Time, or by one of the Judges of the said Court in Vacation,
 and the Recognizance or Recognizances to be taken there-
 upon shall be returned and filed in the said Court, and shall
 continue in force until such Person or Persons shall have been
 acquitted of such Offence, or in case of Conviction shall have
 received Judgment for the same, unless sooner ordered by the
 said Court to be discharged; and that where any Person or
 Persons, by virtue of such Warrant and Commitment as afore-
 said, is or are now detained, or shall hereafter be committed
 and detained in any Gaol for Want of Bail, it shall be lawful
 for the Prosecutor of such Indictment or Information, to cause
 a Copy thereof to be delivered to such Person or Persons, or
 to the Gaoler, Keeper, or Turnkey of the Gaol wherein such
 Person or Persons is, are, or shall be so detained, with a No-
 tice thereon indorsed, that unless such Person or Persons shall,
 within eight Days from the Time of such Delivery of a Copy of
 the Indictment or Information as aforesaid, cause an Appear-
 ance, and also a Plea or Demurrer to be entered in the said
 Court to such Indictment or Information, an Appearance and
 the Plea of Not Guilty will be entered thereto, in the Name
 or Names of such Person or Persons respectively; and in case

Where Persons
 are detained,
 Prosecutor may
 cause a Copy of
 the Indictment
 to be delivered
 to the Party or
 the Gaoler,
 with Notice to
 appear and
 plead, or de-
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 failure in Ap-
 pearance, Plea
 of Not Guilty
 may be entered
 by Prosecutor,
 and Trial shall
 proceed.

he, she, or they shall thereupon, for the said Space of eight Days after such Delivery of a Copy of the Indictment or Information as aforesaid, neglect to cause an Appearance, and also a Plea or Demurrer to be entered in the said Court to such Indictment or Information, it shall be lawful for the Prosecutor of such Indictment or Information, upon an Affidavit being made and filed in the said Court, of a Delivery of a Copy of such Indictment or Information, with such Notice indorsed thereon as aforesaid, to such Person or Persons, or to such Gaoler, Keeper, or Turnkey, as the Case may be, which Affidavit may be made before any Judge or Commissioner of the said Court authorized to take Affidavits in the said Court, to cause an Appearance and the Plea of Not Guilty to be entered in the said Court to such Indictment or Information, for such Person or Persons respectively; and such Proceedings shall be had thereupon, as if the Defendant or Defendants in such Indictment or Information had appeared and pleaded Not Guilty, according to the usual Course of the said Court; and that if, upon the Trial of such Indictment or Information, the Defendant or Defendants so committed and detained as aforesaid, shall be acquitted of all the Offences therein charged upon him, her, or them, it shall be lawful for the Judge before whom such Trial shall be had, although he may not be one of the Judges of the said Court of King's Bench, to order that such Defendant or Defendants shall be forthwith discharged out of Custody, as to his, her, or their Commitment as aforesaid; and such Defendant or Defendants shall be thereupon discharged accordingly.

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Defendant acquitted may be discharged by the Judge trying the Offence.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That all Offences committed contrary to, or in Breach or Violation of this or any other Act hereafter to be passed, or of any Order or Orders of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, now or hereafter to be made in his or their Privy Council, concerning Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified by Proclamation, or published in the *London Gazette*, or of any Order or Orders made by three or more of the Lords or others of the Privy Council as aforesaid, whether the said Offence shall be done and committed within the Body of any County or upon the High Seas or elsewhere, shall and may be tried, heard, and determined in any County within *England* or *Scotland*, or in the proper Courts of the *Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man*, respectively.

All Offences against Laws of Quarantine may be tried in any County.

[XLIII. General Issue.—Treble Costs.—Limitation of Actions, two Months.]

[XLIV. Commencement of Act; which may be altered or repealed this Session.]

No. 2.

46 George III. c. 98.—An Act for making additional and further Provisions for the effectual Performance of Quarantine in *Great Britain*.—[16th. July 1806.]

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§ 14.

Signal to be
used by Ships
having the
Plague, &c.
actually on
board.

‘ WHEREAS by an Act passed in the forty-fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “ An Act for making further Provision for the effectual Performance of Quarantine,” certain Signals are directed to be used on board of Ships or Vessels having clean Bills of Health, and certain other Signals on board of Ships or Vessels not having clean Bills of Health, and it will be more conducive to the publick Safety that a third Signal should be used on board of Ships or Vessels having the Plague or other infectious Disease or Distemper highly dangerous to the Health of his Majesty’s Subjects actually on board;’ be it therefore enacted, by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the tenth Day of *October*, one thousand eight hundred and six, every Commander, Master or other Person having the Charge of any Ship or Vessel, on board whereof the Plague or other infectious Disease or Distemper highly dangerous to the Health of his Majesty’s Subjects, shall actually be, shall be, and is hereby required at all Times when such Ship or Vessel shall meet with any other Ship or Vessel at Sea, or shall be within four Leagues of the Coast of *Great Britain*, or the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, to hoist a Signal to denote that his Ship or Vessel has the Plague, or other infectious Disease or Distemper highly dangerous to the Health of his Majesty’s Subjects actually on board thereof, which Signal shall be in the Day Time a Flag of Yellow and Black, borne quarterly of eight Breadths of Bunting at the Main Top-mast Head, and in the Night Time the Signal shall be two large Signal Lanthorns (such as are commonly used on board of his Majesty’s Ships of War) one over the other at the same Mast Head; and such Commander, Master, or other Person, shall keep such Signal hoisted during such Time as the said Ship or Vessel so having the Plague, or such other infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, on board thereof, shall continue within Sight of such other Ship or Vessel, or within four Leagues of the said Coasts or Islands; and while so in Sight, or within such Distance until such Ship or Vessel so having the Plague, or such other infectious Disease or Distemper as aforesaid, on board thereof, shall have arrived at the Port or Place where it is to perform Quarantine, and until it shall have been legally discharged from the Performance thereof; on failure whereof such Commander, Master, or other Person, having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

II. ' And whereas it is by the said recited Act enacted, No. 2.
 ' that every Commander, Master, or other Person, having the 46 George III.
 ' Charge of any Ship or Vessel coming from foreign Parts, c. 98.
 ' shall give to the Pilot who shall go on board such Ship In addition to
 ' or Vessel, a written Paper containing a true account of the Particulars
 ' Names of the Place and Country at which such Ship or required by
 ' Vessel shall have loaded; and also of all the Places at which 45 G. 3. c. 10.
 ' any such Ship or Vessel shall have touched on the homeward § 16. Master
 ' Voyage: And whereas Ships and Vessels are or may be, shall deliver
 ' by the Order of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in Account of
 ' Council, made liable to Quarantine, by reason of their Cargo to Pilot.
 ' having on board thereof certain Sorts of Goods and Mer- Penalty 200l.
 ' chandize more especially liable to retain Infection; and it
 ' is expedient that the Pilot going on board of such Ships and
 ' Vessels should also be informed of the Cargo thereof; be it
 therefore enacted, That, from and after the said tenth Day of
 October, every Commander, Master, or other Person, having
 the Charge of any Ship or Vessel coming from Foreign Parts,
 which shall not be liable to Quarantine in respect of the Place
 from whence such Ship or Vessel comes, shall give to the Pilot
 who shall go on board of such Ship or Vessel a written Paper
 containing a true Account of the different Articles composing
 the Cargo of such Ship or Vessel, on pain of forfeiting the Sum
 of two hundred Pounds for any Neglect or Refusal to give such
 Paper, or for any false Representation or wilful Omission
 therein; and if by any Proclamation or Order of his Majesty
 in Council then in force, Ships and Vessels having on board any
 of the Articles mentioned in such Paper, shall be liable to the
 Performance of Quarantine, such Pilot shall immediately give
 Notice thereof to the Commander or other Person having the
 Charge of such Ship or Vessel, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of
 one hundred Pounds for any Neglect therein; and such Com-
 mander or other Person shall thereupon hoist a proper Signal
 according to the Provisions of the said recited Act, and under
 the respective Penalties in the said recited Act, or in this Act
 contained for any Neglect or Refusal in respect of hoisting
 such Signals; and in case any Pilot shall bring, or cause to be
 brought or conducted, any Ship or Vessel liable to the Perform-
 ance of Quarantine, into any Place which is not, or shall not
 be, specially appointed for the Reception of Ships and Vessels
 so liable, after receiving such Paper as aforesaid, whereby it
 shall have been made appear that such Ship or Vessel was liable
 to the Performance of Quarantine, or without requiring and
 receiving such Paper as aforesaid, unless compelled thereto by
 Stress of Weather, adverse Winds, or Accidents of the Seas,
 such Pilots shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum
 of one hundred Pounds.

Pilot shall give
 Notice to the
 Master if any
 Articles be on
 board liable to
 Quarantine.
 Penalty 100l.
 &c.

Commander
 shall hoist Sig-
 nals accord-
 ingly.

Penalty on
 Pilot or Ma-
 ster for not
 bringing to on
 Request of
 Quarantine
 Officer 100l.

III. ' And whereas, by the said recited Act, Provision is
 ' made for ascertaining whether Ships and Vessels be liable to
 ' Quarantine by means of interrogating the Commander,
 ' Master, or other Person having the Charge of such Ships or
 ' Vessels, for which Purpose it is necessary that Ships or Ves-

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'sels should be brought to at the Requisition of the Officer of Quarantine, which salutary Provision has in some Instances been and may again be eluded by the Pilot on board, or by the Commander, Master, or other Person, having the Charge of such Ships or Vessels; Be it therefore enacted, That if any Pilot being on board, or any Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge of any Ship or Vessel coming from Foreign Parts, whether such Ship or Vessel shall be liable to Quarantine or not, shall be required by any Officer authorized by the Commissioners of the Customs, or any four of them, to act in the Service of Quarantine, to bring to such Ship or Vessel, to the End that the Commander, Master, or other Person having the Charge thereof may be interrogated according to the Provision of the said recited Act, and shall neglect or refuse to bring to such Ship or Vessel as soon as it can be done with Safety, in obedience to such Requisition, every such Pilot, Commander, Master, or other Person, having the Charge of any such Ship or Vessel, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds.

Ships liable to Quarantine solely by involuntary Communication, exempt from Duty, under 45 G. 3. c. 10. § 3.

IV. 'And Whereas, by the said recited Act, certain Duties are imposed on Ships and Vessels which have performed Quarantine: and by the same Act a Ship or Vessel may be rendered liable to the Performance of Quarantine by receiving any Person or Persons from or out of any other Ship or Vessel coming from or having touched at an infected Place, under which Provision a Ship or Vessel not being originally liable to perform Quarantine may be rendered so liable by Force, and against the Will of the Master and Crew; and it is reasonable that such Ship or Vessel should be relieved from the Payment of the said Duties; Be it therefore enacted, That no Ship or Vessel which shall be rendered liable to perform Quarantine solely by reason of having received on board thereof, by Force or against the Will of the Master and Crew, any Person or Persons, shall be liable to or charged with any Duty under the said recited Act, provided that it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Customs that such Person or Persons was or were received on board against the Will of the Master and Crew of such Ship or Vessel.

Proof and Certificate of Goods having been opened and aired; [instead of the Proof and Certificate required by 45 G. 3. c. 10. § 29.]

V. 'And whereas the Mode prescribed by the said recited Act for certifying that all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles, liable to Quarantine, have been duly opened and aired, conformably to the Provisions in the same, have been found inconvenient; Be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as relates to the Certificates and Proof of opening and airing such Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and other Articles, shall be, and is hereby repealed; and that after such Orders for the opening and airing of such Goods, Wares and Merchandize, and other Articles, shall have been duly complied with, Proof thereof shall be made by the Oaths of the Master of the Lazaret or Vessel in which the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Arti-

cles, shall have been opened and aired, and of one of the Guardians, or if there be no Guardian, then of one of the Officers authorized by the Commissioners of the Customs, or any four of them, to act in the Service of Quarantine in such Lazaret or Vessel, or if there be no such Officer, then by the Oaths of two or more credible Witnesses serving in the said Lazaret or Vessel, before the Superintendant of Quarantine, or his Assistant, in case such opening and airing shall be had at a Port or Place where such Superintendant or Assistant shall be established, or otherwise before the principal Officer authorized by the Commissioners of the Customs, or any four of them, to act in the Service of Quarantine at such Port or Place, which Oath such Superintendant, Assistant, or principal Officer is hereby authorized to administer; and such Superintendant, Assistant, or principal Officer, as the Case may be, shall make Certificate of such Proof having been made; and upon the Production of such Certificate to the proper Officer of the Customs, authorized by the said Commissioners or any four of them, such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, and other Articles, shall be liable to no further Restraint or Detention either at the Port or Place where such Quarantine shall have been performed, or at any other Place whereto they may be afterwards conveyed.

No. 2.
46 George III.
c. 98.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, by his or their Order in Council, or for the Lords and others of his or their Privy Council, or any three or more of them, by their Order from Time to Time, as often as they may see Reason to apprehend that the Yellow Fever, or other highly infectious Distemper prevails on the Continent of *America*, or in the *West Indies*, to require that every Ship and Vessel coming from or having touched at any Port or Place on the Continent of *America*, or in the *West Indies*, shall come to an Anchor at certain Places to be appointed from Time to Time by the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in *England* and *Scotland*, (who are hereby respectively authorized to make such Appointment) for the Purpose of having the State of Health of the Crew of such Ship or Vessel ascertained before such Ship or Vessel shall be permitted to enter the Port whereto she may be bound, or any other Port of *Great Britain*; but that such Ship or Vessel shall not be deemed liable to Quarantine, unless it shall be afterwards specially ordered under that Restraint.

Privy Council may order Ships coming from *America* or the *West Indies* when the Yellow Fever, &c. prevails there, to go to certain Places without being liable to Quarantine.

VII. And Whereas it may be necessary for the publick Security to prevent all Communication whatever with Ships or Vessels performing Quarantine without clean Bills of Health; and the Danger of such Communication is greatly increased by Persons not being prevented from going within the Stations allotted for the Performance of Quarantine by such Ships or Vessels; Be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by his or their Order or Orders in Council, notified by Proclamation, or published in the *London Gazette*, to pro-

Intercourse within Limits of Stations allotted for Quarantine of Ships without clean Bills of Health, may be prohibited by Order in Council.

No. 2. **hibit all Persons, Ships, Boats, and Vessels whatsoever, from**
 46 George III. **going under any Pretence whatsoever, within the Limits of**
 c. 98. **any Station, which, by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors,**
by any such Order or Orders in Council, has been, or may be
assigned for the Performance of Quarantine by any Ships or
Vessels without clean Bills of Health; and that if any Person
whatsoever after such Notification or Publication of any such
Order or Orders in Council, shall presume under any Pretence
whatsoever, to go with any Ship, Boat, or Vessel within the
Limits of any such Station, he or she shall, for every such
Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Penalty 500l.

Penalty on
forging or utter-
ing false Certi-
ficates required
by Order in
Council, Felony
without Clergy.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall knowingly and wilfully forge or counterfeit, interline, erase, or alter, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, interlined, erased, or altered, any Certificate directed or required to be granted by any Order of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors in Council now in force, or hereafter to be made touching Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection, or shall publish as true any such forged or counterfeited, interlined, erased, or altered Certificate, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, interlined, erased, or altered, or shall knowingly and wilfully utter and publish any such Certificate, with Intent to obtain the Effect of a true Certificate to be given thereto, knowing the Contents of such Certificate to be false, he or she shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

Consuls, &c.
may administer
Oaths.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Consuls and Vice-Consuls of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, shall, and are hereby empowered to administer Oaths in all Cases respecting Quarantine, in like Manner as if they were Magistrates of the several Towns or Places where they respectively reside.

Persons autho-
rized to take
Examinations
may administer
Oaths; Penalty
of Perjury, &c.
on false Oaths,
&c.

X. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, or any other now in force or hereafter to be made touching Quarantine, any Examinations or Answers shall be taken or made upon Oath, the Person who shall be authorized and required to take such Examinations and Answers shall, and shall be deemed to have full Power and Authority to administer such Oaths; and if any Person who shall be so interrogated or examined shall wilfully swear falsely to any Matter, concerning which such Person shall depose or make Oath on such Examination or in such Answer, or if any Person shall procure any other Person so to do, he or she so swearing falsely or procuring any other Person so to do, shall be deemed to have been guilty of, and shall be liable to be prosecuted for wilful and corrupt Perjury, or Subornation of wilful and corrupt Perjury, as the Case may be, and shall suffer the Pains, Penalties and Punishments of the Law, in such Case respectively made and provided.

PART V. CLASS XVI.

FELONY RELATING TO THE SLAVE
TRADE.

No. 1.

51 George III. c. 23.—An Act for rendering more effectual an Act made in the forty-seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade."—[14th. May 1811.]

WHEREAS the two Houses of Parliament did, by their Resolutions of the tenth and twenty-fourth Days of June one thousand eight hundred and six, severally resolve, That the *African* Slave Trade being contrary to the Principles of Justice, Humanity and sound policy, they would, with all practicable Expedition, take effectual Measures for the Abolition of the same: And whereas, in conformity with the said Resolutions, and for all and each of the Reasons therein stated, the said Trade was by an Act passed in the forty-seventh Year of his present Majesty, declared to be unlawful: And whereas it hath been found that divers Persons, not deterred by the Provisions and Penalties of the said Act, do still continue to deal and trade in Slaves upon the Coast of *Africa* and elsewhere, and to carry them for Sale by Sea: And whereas the Commons House of Parliament, by its Resolution of the fifteenth of June one thousand eight hundred and ten, did express its Indignation at such Practices, and did resolve speedily to take into Consideration such Measures as might tend effectually to prevent such daring Violations of the Law: And whereas it is fit that such Measures should be extended also to the effectual Abolition of the Slave Trade wheresoever it may be attempted to practise it: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Subject or Subjects of his Majesty, or if any Person or Persons residing or being within this United Kingdom, or in any of the Islands, No. 1.
51 George III.
c. 23.

47 G. 3. sess. 1.
c. 36. Carrying on the Slave Trade, or any way engaged therein,

No. 1. Colonies, Dominions, Forts, Settlements, Factories or Territories now or hereafter belonging thereto, or being in his Majesty's Occupation or Possession, or under the Government of the United Company of Merchants trading to the *East Indies*, shall, from and after the first Day of *June* next, by him or themselves, or by his or their Factors or Agents, or otherwise howsoever, carry away or remove, or aid or assist in the carrying away or removing, as a Slave or Slaves, or for the Purpose of being sold, transferred, used or dealt with as a Slave or Slaves, any Person or Persons whatsoever, from any Part of *Africa*, or from any other Country, Territory or Place whatsoever, either immediately or by Transshipment at Sea or otherwise, directly or indirectly; or shall import or bring, or aid or assist in the importing or bringing into any Island, Colony, Country, Territory or Place whatsoever, any such Person or Persons as aforesaid, for the Purpose aforesaid; or shall knowingly and wilfully ship, embark, receive, detain or confine on board any Ship, Vessel or Boat, any such Person or Persons as aforesaid, for the Purpose of his, her or their being so carried away or removed, imported or brought as aforesaid, or of being sold, transferred, used or dealt with as a Slave or Slaves; or shall knowingly and wilfully use or employ, or permit to be used or employed, or let or take to Freight or on Hire any Ship or Vessel to be used or employed in carrying away or removing, importing or bringing, or for the Purpose of carrying away or removing, importing or bringing as aforesaid, any such Person or Persons, as a Slave or Slaves, or for the Purpose of his, her or their being sold, transferred, used or dealt with as a Slave or Slaves; or shall fit out or cause to be fitted out, or shall take the Charge or Command of, or navigate, or enter and embark on board any such Ship or Vessel, as Master or Captain, Mate, Supercargo or Surgeon, knowing that such Ship or Vessel is actually employed, or is, in the same Voyage for which he or they shall so enter and embark on board, intended to be employed in carrying or removing, importing or bringing as aforesaid any such Person or Persons, as or for the Purpose of his, her or their being sold, transferred, used or dealt with as a Slave or Slaves; then and in every such case, the Person or Persons so offending, and their Counsellors, Aiders and Abettors, shall be and are hereby declared to be Felons, and shall be transported beyond Seas for a Term not exceeding fourteen Years, or shall be confined and kept to hard Labour for a Term not exceeding five Years, nor less than three Years, at the Discretion of the Court before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be tried and convicted.

Punishment.

Serving on
board Ship, or
underwriting
Policy thereon.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the first Day of *May* next, enter or navigate, or embark on board any such Ship or Vessel used and employed, or meant and intended to be used and employed as aforesaid, as a Petty Officer, Servant or Seaman, or Petty Officers, Servants or Seamen, knowing that such is or shall be the Purpose or one of

the Purposes of the Voyage, or if any Person or Persons shall underwrite, or procure to be underwritten, any Policy of Assurance upon any Ship or Vessel, or Goods, or the Freight of any Ship or Vessel employed or intended to be employed in any such Voyage, knowing that such is or shall be the Purpose or one of the Purposes of the said Voyage, he or they nevertheless shall not be deemed guilty of a Felony within the meaning of this Act, but shall be and they are hereby declared to be guilty of a Misdemeanor only, and shall be punished by Imprisonment for a Term not exceeding two Years.

III. And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That such Person shall not be deemed to be nor shall be punished as Accessaries to Felony; any thing in this present Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to subject any Person or Persons to the Pains and Penalties hereby imposed for exporting, removing or carrying from any present or future *British Island, Colony or Settlement in the West Indies*, to any other present or future *British Island, Colony or Settlement in the West Indies*, or from one Part of such *British Island, Colony or Settlement in the West Indies*, to any other Part of the same *Island, Colony or Settlement*, or for importing or transporting into or landing in any such *Island, Colony or Settlement*, any Slave or Slaves, which have been or shall be born within such *Islands, Colonies or Settlements*, or any Slave or Slaves which shall have been or may be lawfully imported or brought into the said *Islands, Colonies or Settlements*, or for removing or carrying any Slave or Slaves from one Part of any foreign *Island, Colony or Settlement*, to another Part of the same foreign *Island, Colony or Settlement*, or for transshipping and assisting at Sea any Slave or Slaves which shall be in any Ship or Vessel in Distress: Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent the Transportation to any foreign Colony or Place, of any Slave or Slaves that shall have been convicted by due course of Law in any present or future *British Island or Colony*, of any Crime to which the Punishment of Transportation is or shall be annexed by the Law of such *Island or Colony*, but in every such case a Copy of the Judgment or Sentence certified by the Court before which the Offender was convicted, shall be put on board in the Ship or Vessel in which any such Convict shall be transported.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to subject any Person or Persons to the Pains and Penalties hereby imposed for any thing done or to be done in *Africa, West of the Cape of Good Hope*, or in the *West Indies or America to the East of Cape Horn*, on or before the First Day of September next; nor for any thing done or to be done in the *East Indies*, the *Island of Madagascar*, the *Ports and Places*

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51 George III.
c. 23.

Accessaries.

Proviso for removing Slaves from one British Settlement to another, &c.

And for the Transportation to foreign Places of Slaves that have been convicted of Crimes.

Proviso for Things done before certain Periods.

No. 1. of *Africa* to the East of the *Cape of Good Hope*, the Islands of
 51 George III. *Mauritius* and *Bourbon*, and the Islands in the *East Indian*
 c. 23. Seas, on or before the first Day of *January* next; nor for any
 thing done or to be done in *New Holland*, the Islands in the
South Seas, or the Coast of *America* to the West of *Cape Horn*,
 on or before the first Day of *May*, in the Year One thousand
 eight hundred and twelve; nor for any thing done or to be
 done in the High Seas, on board of any Ship or Vessel which
 hath or shall have sailed last from any Port in *Great Britain* or
Ireland on or before the first Day of *June* next, or from any
 other Port or Place in *Europe*, on or before the first Day of
July next; or from any Port or Place in *Africa* West of the
Cape of Good Hope, or the *West Indies*, or *America* to the East
 of *Cape Horn*, on or before the first Day of *August* next; or
 from any Port or Place in the *East Indies*, *Madagascar*, the
 Islands of *Mauritius* and *Bourbon*, the Coast of *Africa* to the
 East of the *Cape of Good Hope*, and the Islands in the *East Indian*
 Seas, on or before the first Day of *January* next; or from any Port
 or Place in *New Holland*, the Islands in the *South Seas*, or the
 Coast of *America* to the West of *Cape Horn*, on or before the
 first Day of *May* in the Year one thousand eight hundred and
 twelve.

How Offences
 to be tried.

VI. And be it further enacted and declared, That all
 Offences hereinbefore declared to be Felonies or Misdemeanors,
 which shall be committed in *Africa*, or in any Country,
 Territory or Place, other than this United Kingdom, or
 on the High Seas, or in any Port, Sea, Creek, or Place,
 where the Admiral has Jurisdiction, shall and may be
 28 H. 8. c. 15. enquired of either according to the ordinary Course of
 Law, and the Provisions of an Act passed in the twenty-
 eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, inti-
 tuled, "An Act for Pirates," or according to the Provisions
 33 H. 8. c. 23. of an Act passed in the thirty-third Year of the Reign of King
Henry the Eighth, intituled, "An Act to proceed, by Commis-
 sion of Oyer and Terminer, against such Persons as shall confess
 Treason and Felony, without remanding the same to be tried in
 the Shire where the Offence was committed," so far as the same
 Act is now unrepealed; or according to the Provisions of an Act
 11 & 12 W. 3. passed in the eleventh and twelfth Years of the Reign of his
 c. 7. late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, "An Act
 passed for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy."

Former Acts in
 respect of For-
 feitures.

46 G. 3. c. 52.
 47 G. 3. sess. 1:
 c. 36.

VII. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted
 and declared, That nothing herein contained shall be construed
 to repeal, annul or alter the said Act of the forty-seventh Year
 of his present Majesty, or an Act made in the forty-sixth Year
 of his present Majesty, for preventing the Importation of Slaves
 by any of his Majesty's Subjects, into any Islands, Colonies,
 Plantations or Territories belonging to any Foreign State or
 Power, in respect of any Forfeitures of Ships or Vessels, Car-
 goes, Goods or Effects, thereby respectively imposed for any
 Offence against the said Acts, or either of them, or the Rem-
 edies thereby given for the Recovery thereof, or in respect of

any pecuniary Penalties thereby imposed; but that the said Acts shall, in all other Respects, be deemed and taken to be in full Force, except so far as the said Act of the forty-sixth Year of his present Majesty is altered or extended by the said Act of the forty-seventh Year of his said Majesty.

VIII. And whereas it is in and by the said Acts respectively enacted, that all Ships or Vessels, Slaves or Natives of *Africa*, carried, conveyed or dealt with as Slaves, and all other Goods and Effects that shall or may become forfeited for any Offence committed against the said Acts respectively, shall and may be seized by any Officer of his Majesty's Customs or Excise, or by the Commanders or Officers of any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War: And whereas Ships and Vessels, Slaves, Goods and Effects, liable to Seizure and Forfeiture under the said Acts, for Offences committed on the Coast of *Africa*, may be safely navigated, carried or kept upon or near to the said Coast, or in the Ports, Havens or Rivers thereof, in contempt of the said Acts, by reason of the want of Officers of the Customs or Excise, or of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War stationed on the said Coast, or on such Parts thereof as may be visited by such Officers; Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for all Governors or Persons having the chief Command, Civil or Military, of any of the Colonies, Settlements, Forts or Factories belonging to his Majesty, or to the *African Company* in *Africa*, or any *African Island*, and for all Persons deputed and authorized by any such Governor or Commander in Chief, to seize and prosecute all Ships and Vessels, Slaves or Natives of *Africa*, carried, conveyed or dealt with as Slaves, and all Goods and Effects whatsoever, that shall or may become forfeited for any Offence committed against the said Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and which shall be found upon, or near to, the said Coast, or in any Port, Haven or River thereof, or within the Limits of any of the said Colonies, Settlements, Forts or Factories, which Governor or Commander in Chief, and all Persons by them so deputed and authorized, shall, in making and prosecuting any such Seizures, have the Benefit of all the Provisions made by the said Acts of Parliament, or by an Act of the fourth Year of his present Majesty therein recited, or by any other Act of Parliament for the Protection of Officers seizing and prosecuting for any Offence against the said last mentioned Act, or any other Act of Parliament relating to the Trade and Revenues of the *British Colonies* or Plantations in *America*.

IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, sailing or being in the Capacity of a Petty Officer, or Petty Officers, Servant or Servants, Seaman or Seamen, on board of any Ship or Vessel fitted out for or engaged in the unlawfully carrying, removing, trading or dealing in Slaves, shall, within three Months after the Arrival of the said Vessel at any Port belong-

No. 1.
George III:
c. 25.

36 G. 3. c. 52.
18.
47 G. 3. sess. I.
c. 36. § 14.

Governors and
Commanders in
Chief, and Per-
sons authorized
by them, may
seize Vessels
and other For-
feitures.

4 G. 3. c. 15.

Persons sailing
in Vessels giv-
ing Information
of Offences
committed not
liable to Punish-
ment.

- No. 1. ing to his Majesty, give Information on Oath, before any
 51 George III competent Magistrate, against any Owner or Part Owner, or
 c. 23. any Captain, Mate, Surgeon or Supercargo of such Ship or
 Vessel, who shall have committed any Offence against this Act,
 and shall give Evidence on Oath against such Owner or Part
 Owner, Captain, Mate, Surgeon and Supercargo, before any
 Magistrate or Court before whom such Offender may be tried;
 or if such Person or Persons so sailing as aforesaid, in the
 Capacity of a Petty Officer or Petty Officers, Mariner or
 Mariners, Servant or Servants, shall, within three Months
 after his or their Arrival at any Port or Place not within his
 Majesty's Dominions, give Information to any of his Majesty's
 Ambassadors, Ministers Plenipotentiary, Envoys, Charges
 d'Affaires, Consuls, Residents or other Agents, so that any
 Person or Persons owning such Ship or Vessel, or navigating
 or taking charge of the same, as Captain, Mate, Surgeon or
 Supercargo, may be apprehended, such Person or Persons so
 giving such Information and Evidence, shall not be liable to any
 of the Pains or Penalties of this Act, or any Fine or other Pu-
 46 G. 3. c. 52. nishment under the said Acts of the forty-sixth and forty-
 47 G. 3. sess. 1. seventh Years of his present Majesty, or either of them; but
 c. 36. shall be wholly discharged therefrom, and his Majesty's Am-
 bassadors, Ministers Plenipotentiary, Envoys, Charges d'Af-
 faires, Consuls, Residents or other Agents, are hereby
 required to receive any such Information as aforesaid, and to
 transmit the Particulars thereof, without Delay, to one of his
 Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and to transmit Copies
 of the same to the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships or Ves-
 sels then being in the said Port or Place.

PART V. CLASS XVII.

ESCAPES AND RESCUE.

No. 1.

1 Edward II. st. 2.—In what Case it is Felony to break Prison, in what not.

Cotton *MS. Claudius*, D. 2.

DE prisonibus prisonam frangentibus dominus Rex vult & precepit quod nullus de cetero qui prisonam fregerit subeat iudicium vite et membrorum pro fractione prisonis tantum nisi causa pro qua captus et imprisonatus fuerit tale iudicium requireret si de illa juxta legem et consuetudinem terre fuisset convictus licet temporibus preteritis aliter fieri consuevit.

CONCERNING Prisoners which break Prison, our Lord the King willeth and commandeth, That none from henceforth that breaketh Prison shall have Judgment of Life or Member for breaking of Prison only, except the Cause for which he was taken and imprisoned did require such Judgement, if he had been convict thereupon according to the Law and Custom of the Realm, albeit in Times past it hath been used otherwise.

No. 1.
1 Edward II.

No. 2.

16 George II. c. 31.—An Act for the further Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners to attempt to escape out of lawful Custody.

FOR the further Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners to attempt to escape out of lawful Custody, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,

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16 George II.
c. 31.

Where a Person assisting a Prisoner to escape,

No. 2.
16 George II.
c. 31.

shall be deemed
guilty of
Felony;

to be
deemed a Mis-
demeanor.

After 2, June
1743, any Per-
son conveying
any Disguise,
Instrument, or
Arms, to help
an Escape, with-
out the Know-
ledge of the
Keeper, of the
Prisoner be-
trayed of Treas-
on or Felony,
or committed
for Treason or
Felony;

the Offender
shall be deemed
guilty of Fel-
ony, and be
transported.

Disguise, In-
struments, or
Arms, given to
one deemed for
any less Crime,
or for Debt,
Damages, &c.
amounting to

and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person shall, from and after the twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and forty-three, by any Means whatsoever be aiding or assisting to any Prisoner to attempt to make his or her Escape from any Gaol, although no Escape be actually made, in case such Prisoner then was attainted or convicted of Treason, or any Felony, except Petty Larceny, or lawfully committed to or detained in any Gaol for Treason, or any Felony, except Petty Larceny, expressed in the Warrant of Commitment or Detainer, every Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall be transported to one of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, for the Term of seven Years; and in case such Prisoner then was convicted of, committed to, or detained in any Gaol for Petty Larceny, or any other Crime, not being Treason or Felony, expressed in the Warrant of his or her Commitment or Detainer as aforesaid, or then was in Gaol upon any Process whatsoever, for any Debt, Damages, Costs, Sum or Sums of Money, amounting in the whole to the Sum of one hundred Pounds, every Person so offending as aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of a Misdemeanor, for which he or she shall be liable to a Fine and Imprisonment.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and forty-three, convey, or cause to be conveyed into any Gaol or Prison, any Vizor, or other Disguise, or any Instrument or Arms proper to facilitate the Escape of Prisoners; and the same shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to any Prisoner in any such Gaol, or to any other Person there, for the Use of any such Prisoner, without the Consent or Privy of the Keeper, or Under-keeper of any such Gaol or Prison; every such Person, although no Escape or Attempt to escape be actually made, shall be deemed to have delivered such Vizor, or other Disguise, Instrument, or Arms, with an Intent to aid and assist such Prisoner to escape or attempt to escape; and in case such Prisoner then was attainted or convicted of Treason, or any Felony, except Petty Larceny, or lawfully committed to, or detained in any such Gaol for Treason, or any Felony, except Petty Larceny, expressed in the Warrant of Commitment or Detainer, every Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall in like Manner be deemed and adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall be transported to one of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, for the Term of seven Years; but in case the Prisoner to whom, or for whose Use, such Vizor or Disguise, Instrument or Arms, shall be so delivered, then was convicted, committed, or detained for Petty Larceny, or any other Crime, not being Treason or Felony, expressed in the Warrant of Commitment or Detainer, or upon any Process whatsoever, for any Debt, Damages,

Costs, Sum or Sums of Money, amounting in the whole to the Sum of one hundred Pounds, every such Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of a Misdemeanor, for which he or she shall be in like Manner liable to a Fine and Imprisonment.

No. 2.
16 George II.
c. 32.

tool, the Offender shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, from and after the twenty-fourth day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and forty-three, aid or assist any Prisoner to attempt to make his or her Escape from the Custody of any Constable, Headborough, Tything-man, or other Officer or Person who shall then have the lawful Charge of such Prisoner, in order to carry him or her to Gaol, by virtue of a Warrant of Commitment for Treason, or any Felony (except Petty Larceny) expressed in such Warrant; or if any Person shall be aiding or assisting to any Felon to attempt to make his Escape from on Board any Boat, Ship, or Vessel, carrying Felons for Transportation, or from the Contractor for the Transportation of such Felons, his Assigns or Agents, or any other Person to whom such Felon shall have been lawfully delivered, in order for Transportation; then every Person so offending, and being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and shall be transported to one of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, for the Term of seven Years.

To assist any Person to escape from a Constable, being charged with Treason or Felony;

or from any Boat, &c. carrying Felons for Transportation;

the Offender shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for seven Years.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That there shall be no Prosecution for any of the said Offences, unless such Prosecution be commenced within one Year after such Offence committed.

The Prosecution to commence within a Year.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person who shall be ordered for Transportation, in pursuance of this Act, shall return from Transportation, or be at large in any Part of *Great Britain*, without some lawful Cause, before the Expiration of the Term for which he or she shall have been ordered to be transported, every such Person shall be liable to the same Punishment, and to the like Methods of Prosecution, Trial, and Conviction, for returning from such Transportation, or for being at large in any Part of *Great Britain*, as other Felons transported, or ordered to be transported, are liable unto by Virtue of the Laws now in Force.

Persons ordered for Transportation, and found at large before the Expiration of the Term, how to be dealt with.

PART V. CLASS XVIII.

PERJURY.

No. 1.

Elizabeth, c. 9.—An Act for Punishment of such as shall procure or commit any wilful Perjury.*

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 9.

What Punish-
ment shall be
inflicted upon
Persons who
commit wilful
Perjury.

34 H. 8. c. 9.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at *Westminster* in the two and thirtieth Year of the Reign of the late King of famous Memory, King *Henry* the Eighth, amongst other Things, it was ordained, enacted and established, That no Person or Persons of what Estate, Degree or Condition soever he or they were, should from thenceforth unlawfully suborn any Witness or Witnesses, by Letters, Rewards, Promises, or by any other sinister Labour or Means, for to maintain any Matter or Cause, or to the Disturbance or Hindrance of Justice, or to the Procurement or Occasion of any Manner of Perjury, by false Verdict or otherwise, in any of the King's Courts of Chancery, the Star-Chamber, the *Whitehall*, or elsewhere within any of the King's Dominions of *England* or *Wales*, or the Marches of the same, where any Person or Persons have or from thenceforth should have Authority by Virtue of the King's Commission, Patent or Writ, to hold Plea of Land, or to examine, hear and determine any Title of Lands, or any Matter or Witnesses concerning the Title, Right or Interest of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, upon Pain of Forfeiture for every such Offence, ten Pound, the one Moiety thereof to be to the King, and the other to the Party that would sue for the same, as by the same Estatute, amongst divers other Things, more plainly it doth appear :

II. 'Sithence the Making whereof, for that the said Penalty is so small towards the Offenders in that Behalf, the said Offence of Subornation, and sinister Procurement of false Witnesses, hath nevertheless greatly increased and augmented, and by Reason of the wilful Perjury committed by the

* For the Exposition of this Act, see Hawk. P. C. B. 1. ch. 69. In consequence of the Difficulties attending Prosecutions on this Statute, they have fallen entirely into Disuse.

' same suborned Witnesses, divers and sundry of the Queen's Majesty's Subjects have sustained Dishonour and great Impoverishment, as well of their Lands and Tenements, as also of their Goods and Chattels: ' No. 1.
Elizabeth,
c. 9.

III. Be it therefore enacted by our Sovereign Lady the Queen, by the Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every such Person and Persons, which at any Time after the tenth Day of April next coming shall unlawfully and corruptly procure any Witness or Witnesses by Letters, Rewards, Promises, or by any other sinister and unlawful Labour or Means whatsoever, to commit any wilful and corrupt Perjury, in any Matter or Cause whatsoever now depending, or which hereafter shall depend in Suit and Variance, by any Writ, Action, Bill, Complaint or Information, in any wise touching or concerning any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Goods, Chattels, Debts or Damages, in any of the Courts before mentioned, or in any of the Queen's Majesty's Courts of Record, or in any Leet, View of Frankpledge or Law-day, antient demean Court, Hundred Court, Court Baron, or in the Court or Courts of the Stannery in the Counties of *Devon* and *Cornwall*: or shall likewise unlawfully and corruptly procure or suborn any Witness or Witnesses, which shall from and after the said tenth Day of April be sworn to testify in *perpetuum rei memoriam*; that then every such Offender or Offenders shall for his, hers or their said Offence, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, lose and forfeit the Sum of forty Pounds. The Penalty for
procuring of
wilful Perjury.

The Penalty en-
larged by 2 C.
2. c. 25.

IV. And if it happen any such Offender or Offenders, so being convicted or attainted as aforesaid, not to have any Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements, to the Value of forty Pounds, that then every such Person so being convicted or attainted of any the Offences aforesaid, shall for his or their said Offence suffer Imprisonment by the Space of one half Year, without Bail or Mainprise, and to stand upon the Pillory the Space of one whole Hour, in some Market-Town next adjoining to the Place where the Offence was committed, in open Market there, or in the Market-Town itself where the Offence was committed.

V. And that no Person or Persons being so convicted or attainted, to be from thenceforth received as a Witness to be deposed and sworn in any Court of Record within any of the Queen's Highness Dominions of *England*, *Wales*, or the Marches of the same, until such Time as the Judgment given against the said Person or Persons shall be reversed by Attaint or otherwise; and that upon every such Reversal, the Parties grieved to recover his or their Damages against all and every such Person and Persons as did procure the said Judgment so reversed to be first given against them or any of them, by Action or Actions to be sued upon his or their Case or Cases, according to the Course of the Common Laws of this Realm.

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 9.
The Penalty of
him that doth
commit wilful
Perjury.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons after the said tenth Day of April next coming, either by the Subornation, unlawful Procurement, sinister Persuasion or Means of any others, or by their own Act, Consent or Agreement, wilfully and corruptly commit any Manner of wilful Perjury, by his or their Deposition in any of the Courts before mentioned, or being examined *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, that then every Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convict or attainted by the Laws of this Realm, shall for his or their said Offence lose and forfeit twenty Pounds, and to have Imprisonment by the Space of six Months without Bail or Mainprize; and the Oath of such Person or Persons so offending, from thenceforth not to be received in any Court of Record within this Realm of England or Wales, or the Marches of the same, until such Time as the Judgment given against the said Person or Persons shall be reversed by Attaint or otherwise: And that upon every such Reversal the Parties grieved to recover his or their Damages against all and every such Person and Persons as did procure the said Judgment so reversed to be given against them, or any of them, by Action or Actions to be sued upon his or their Case or Cases, according to the Course of the Common Laws of this Realm.

VII. And if it happen the said Offender or Offenders so offending, not to have any Goods or Chattels to the Value of twenty Pounds; that then he or they to be set on the Pillory in some Market-place within the Shire, City or Borough, where the said Offence shall be committed, by the Sheriff or his Ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any City or Town Corporate; and if it happen to be within any such City or Town Corporate, then by the said Head Officer or Officers of such City or Town Corporate, or by his or their Ministers, and there to have both his Ears nailed, and from thenceforth to be discredited and disabled for ever to be sworn in any of the Courts of Record aforesaid, until such Time as the Judgment shall be reversed, and thereupon to recover his Damages in Manner and Form before-mentioned.

Who shall have
the Forfeitures,
and by what
Means.

VIII. The one Moiety of all which Sums of Money, Goods and Chattels, to be forfeited in Manner and Form aforesaid, to be to the Queen our Sovereign Lady, her Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons as shall be grieved, hindred or molested by reason of any the Offence or Offences before mentioned, that will sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, Information or otherwise, in any of the Queen's Majesty's Courts of Record, in the which no Wager of Law, Essoin, Protection or Injunction to be allowed.

Who shall have
Authority to
hear and deter-
mine the Offen-
ces aforesaid.

IX. And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as well the Judge and Judges of every such of the said Courts where any such Suit is or shall be, and whereupon any such Perjury is or shall happen to be committed, as also the Justices of Assize and Gaol-delivery in their several Circuits,

and the Justices of the Peace in every County within this Realm or in *Wales*, at their Quarter-Sessions, both within the Liberties and without, shall have full Power and Authority by Virtue hereof to inquire of all and every the Defaults and Offences perpetrated, committed or done contrary to this Act, by Inquisition, Presentment, Bill or Information before them exhibited, or otherwise lawfully to hear and determine the same, and thereupon to give Judgment, award Process and Execution of the same, according to the Course of the Laws of this Realm.

No. 1.
5 Elizabeth,
c. 9.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of Assize of every Circuit within this Realm, and elsewhere within the Queen's Dominions, shall in every County within their Circuits, twice in the Year, that is to say, in the Time of their Sitzings, make open Proclamation of this Estatute or of the Effect thereof, to the Intent no Person or Persons shall be ignorant or miscognisant of the Penalties herein contained.

This Statute shall be proclaimed at all Assizes.

XI. Provided also, That this Act, nor any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Spiritual or Ecclesiastical Court or Courts within this Realm of *England* or *Wales*, or the Marches of the same; but that all and every such Offender or Offenders as shall offend in Form aforesaid, shall and may be punished by such usual and ordinary Laws, as heretofore hath been and yet is used and frequented in the said Ecclesiastical Courts; any Thing in this present Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

This Act shall not extend to any Court Ecclesiastical.

XII. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, upon whom any Process out of any of the Courts of Record within this Realm or *Wales* shall be served to testify or depose concerning any Cause or Matter depending in any of the same Courts, and having tendred unto him or them, according to his or their Countenance or Calling, such reasonable Sums of Money for his or their Costs and Charges, as having Regard to the Distance of the Places is necessary to be allowed in that Behalf, do not appear according to the Tencor of the said Process, having not a lawful and reasonable Let or Impediment to the contrary; that then the Party making Default, to lose and forfeit for every such Offence ten Pounds, and to yield such further Recompence to the Party grieved, as by the Discretion of the Judge of the Court, out of which the said Process shall be awarded, according to the Loss and Hindrance that the Party which procured the said Process shall sustain, by reason of the Non-appearance of the said Witness or Witnesses; the said several Sums to be recovered by the Party so grieved against the Offender or Offenders, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of the Queen's Majesty's Courts of Record, in which no Wager of Law, Essoin or Protection to be allowed.

Process served upon Witnesses to testify.

XIII. Provided always, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend in any wise to restrain the

The Authority to punish Per-

No. 1. Power and Authority given by Act of Parliament made in the Time of King *Henry* the Seventh, to the Lord Chancellor of *England*, and others of the King's Council for the Time being, to examine and punish Riots, Routs, heinous Perjuries and other Offences and Misdemeanors; which Lord Chancellor and other sithence the Making of the said Act have most commonly used to hear and determine such Matters in the Court of *Westminster* commonly called the Star Chamber; nor to restrain the Power or Authority of the Lord President and Council in the Marches of *Wales*, or of the Lord President and Council in the North, nor of any other Judge, having absolute Power to punish Perjury before the making of this Estatute; but that they and every of them shall and may proceed in the Punishment of all Offences heretofore punishable, in such wise as they might have done and used to do before the making of this Act, to all Purposes, so that they set not upon the Offender or Offenders less Punishment than is contained in this Act. This Act to continue unto the End of the next Parliament. 5 Coke 99. made perpetual by 29 El. c. 3. and 21 Jac. 1. c. 28. sect. 8.

Elizabeth,
c. 9.
jury, given by
the Statute of
11 H. 7. c. 25.
saved.

No. 2.

2 George II. c. 25.—An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury, and Subornation of Perjury; and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes or other Securities for Payment of Money.

No. 2.
2 George II.
c. 25.
Penalty for Per-
jury and Subor-
nation.

II. **A**ND the more effectually to deter Persons from committing wilful and corrupt Perjury, or Subornation of Perjury, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That besides the Punishment already to be inflicted by Law for so great Crimes, it shall and may be lawful for the Court or Judge, before whom any Person shall be convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury or Subornation of Perjury, according to the Laws now in being, to order such Person to be sent to some House of Correction within the same County for a Time not exceeding seven Years, there to be kept to hard Labour during all the said Time, or otherwise to be transported to some of his Majesty's Plantations beyond the Seas, for a Term not exceeding seven Years, as the Court shall think most proper; and thereupon Judgment shall be given that the Person convicted shall be committed or transported accordingly, over and beside such Punishment as shall be adjudged to be inflicted on such Person agreeable to the Laws now in being; and if Transportation be directed, the same shall be executed in such Manner as is or shall be provided by Law for the Transportation of Felons; and if any Person so committed or

* For the other Parts of the Act, see Cl. VII. No. 26. Cl. XII. No. 5.

transported shall voluntarily escape or break prison, or return from Transportation before the Expiration of the Time for which he shall be ordered to be transported as aforesaid, such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy, and shall be tried for such Felony in the County where he so escaped, or where he shall be apprehended.

No. 2.
23 George II.
c. 25.

No. 3.

23 George II. c. 11.—An Act to render Prosecutions for Perjury and Subornation of Perjury, more easy and effectual.*

WHEREAS by reason of Difficulties attending Prosecutions for Perjury and Subornation of Perjury, those heinous Crimes have frequently gone unpunished, whereby wicked and evil-disposed Persons are daily more and more emboldened to commit the same, to the great Dishonour of God, and manifest Let and Hindrance of Justice; For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in every Information or Indictment to be prosecuted against any Person for wilful and corrupt Perjury, it shall be sufficient to set forth the Substance of the Offence charged upon the Defendant, and by what Court, or before whom the Oath was taken (averring such Court, or Person or Persons, to have competent Authority to administer the same) together with the proper Averment or Averments to falsify the Matter or Matters wherein the Perjury or Perjuries is or are assigned; without setting forth the Bill, Answer, Information, Indictment, Declaration, or any Part of any Record or Proceeding either in Law or Equity, other than as aforesaid; and without setting forth the Commission or Authority of the Court, or Person or Persons before whom the Perjury was committed; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

No. 3.
23 George II.
c. 11.
What shall be
sufficient in In-
dictments of
Perjury.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in every Information or Indictment for Subornation of Perjury, or for corrupt bargaining or contracting with others to commit wilful and corrupt Perjury, it shall be sufficient to set forth the Substance of the Offence charged upon the Defendant, without setting forth the Bill, Answer, Information, Indictment, Declaration, or any Part of any Record or Proceeding either in Law or Equity, and without setting forth the Commission or Authority of the Court, or Person or Persons before whom the Perjury was committed, or was agreed or promised to be committed; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Informations,
&c. for Subor-
nation of Per-
jury.

* See *Rex v. Dowling*, 5 T. R. 811.

No. 3.
23 George II.
c. 11.

Justices of Assize, &c. may direct Prosecutions against Persons examined before them, being guilty of Perjury,

and assign the Prosecutor Council.
The Prosecution to be carried on without Fees.

The Clerk of Assize to give the Prosecutor a Certificate.

III. And the better to prevent great Offenders from escaping Punishment by reason of the Expence attending such Prosecutions; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any of his Majesty's Justices of Assize or *Nisi Prius*, or General Gaol Delivery, or of any of the Great Sessions of the Principality of *Wales*, or of the Counties Palatine; and they are hereby authorized (sitting the Court, or within twenty-four Hours after) to direct any Person examined as a Witness upon any Trial before him or them, to be prosecuted for the said Offence of Perjury, in case there shall appear to him or them a reasonable Cause for such Prosecution, and that it shall appear to him or them proper so to do; and to assign the Party injured, or other Person undertaking such Prosecution, Counsel, who shall and are hereby required to do their Duty without any Fee, Gratuity, or Reward for the same: And every such Prosecution, so directed as aforesaid, shall be carried on without Payment of any Tax or Duty, and without Payment of any Fees in Court, or to any Officer of the Court, who might otherwise claim or demand the same: And the Clerk of the Assize, or his Associate or Prothonotary, or other proper Officer of the Court (who shall be attending when such Prosecution is directed), shall and is hereby required, without any Fee or Reward, to give the Party injured, or other Person undertaking such Prosecution, a Certificate of the same being directed, together with the Names of the Council assigned him by the Court; which Certificate shall in all Cases be deemed sufficient Proof of such Prosecution having been directed as aforesaid, provided that no such Direction or Certificate shall be given in Evidence upon any Trial to be had against any Person upon a Prosecution so directed as aforesaid.

PART V. CLASS XIX.

SEDUCING ARTIFICERS AND EXPORTING
UTENSILS.

No. 1.

5 George I. c. 27.—An Act to prevent the Inconveniences arising from seducing Artificers in the Manufactures of *Great Britain* into foreign Parts.

‘ I. **W**HEREAS divers ill-disposed Persons, as well
‘ Foreigners, as Subjects of this Kingdom by Con-
‘ federacy with Foreigners, have of late drawn away and
‘ transported, and have also made divers Attempts to entice,
‘ draw away and transport several Artificers and Manufacturers
‘ of and in Wool, Iron, Steel, Brass and other Metals, Clock-
‘ makers, Watch-makers and divers other Manufacturers of
‘ *Great Britain*, out of his Majesty’s Dominions into foreign
‘ Countries, by entering into Contracts with them to give them
‘ greater Wages and Advantages than they have or can reason-
‘ ably expect within this Kingdom, and by making them large
‘ Promises and using other Arts to inveigle and draw them
‘ away: And whereas there is great Danger that, by means of
‘ these and such like Practices, many great and profitable
‘ Branches of the Trades and Manufactures of this Kingdom
‘ may be transplanted into foreign Countries:’ Therefore for
the preventing the like Practices for the future, Be it enacted
by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice
and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-
mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
Authority of the same, That if at any Time hereafter any
Person or Persons shall contract with, entice, endeavour to
persuade, or solicit any Manufacturer or Artificer of or in
Wool, Iron, Steel, Brass or any other Metal, Clock-maker,
Watch-maker or any other Artificer or Manufacturer of *Great
Britain*, to go out of this Kingdom into any foreign Country
out of his Majesty’s Dominions, and shall be lawfully convict-
ed thereof upon any Indictment or Information which shall be
preferred or brought against him or them in any of his Ma-
jesty’s Courts at *Westminster*, or at the Assizes or general

No. 1.
5 George I.
c. 27.

Persons con-
victed of con-
tracting with or
enticing, &c.
any Artificer to
go into a foreign
Country, shall
be fined not ex-
ceeding 100*l.*
for the first Of-
fence, and be
imprisoned for
three Months.

No. 1.
5 George I.
c. 27.

And for the second Offence shall be fined discretely and imprisoned for twelve Months.

Prosecution in twelve Months after the Offence.

After May 1, 1719, any Artificer going into a foreign Country, there to exercise his Trade, and not returning in six Months after Warning given him by the Ambassador, &c. shall be incapable of taking any Legacy, &c.

Forfeit all his Lands, &c. and be deemed an Alien.

Goal-delivery, or Quarter-sessions of the Peace for the County, Riding or Division where such Offence shall be committed, the Person and Persons so convict shall be fined any Sum not exceeding one hundred Pounds for such first Offence, (1) according to the Discretion of the Court in which such Conviction shall be, and shall be imprisoned for the Space of three Months, and until such Fine shall be paid; and if any Person or Persons, having been once convict as aforesaid, shall offend again, and be so convict a second Time of the like Offence, then and in such Case the Person, so convict a second Time shall be fined at the Discretion of the Court here such Conviction shall be and be imprisoned for twelve Months and until such Fine shall be paid. (2.)

II. Provided nevertheless, That no Person or Persons shall be prosecuted for any of the Offences aforesaid, unless such Prosecution shall be begun within the Space of twelve Months next after such Offence shall be committed.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of his Majesty's Subjects within this Kingdom, being such Artificer or Manufacturer as aforesaid, shall, at any Time after the first Day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and nineteen, go into any Country out of his Majesty's Dominions, there to use or exercise, or to teach any of the said Trades or Manufactures to Foreigners, or in case any of his Majesty's Subjects now being, or who hereafter shall be in any such Foreign Country out of his Majesty's Dominions as aforesaid, and there using or exercising any of the said Trades or Manufactures herein before-mentioned, shall not return into this Realm within six Months next after Warning shall be given to him by the Ambassador, Envoy, Resident, Minister or Consul of the Crown of Great Britain in the Country in which such Artificer shall be, or by any Person authorized by such Ambassador, Envoy, Resident, Minister or Consul, or by one of his Majesty's Secretaries of State for the Time being, and from thenceforth continually inhabit and dwell within this Realm; then and in such Case every such Person or Persons shall be from thenceforth incapable of taking any Legacy that shall be devised to him within this Kingdom, or of being an Executor or Administrator to any Person or Persons within this Kingdom, and shall be incapable of taking any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments within this Kingdom, by Descent, Devise or Purchase, and also forfeit all his Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels within this Kingdom, to his Majesty's Use, and

(1.) R. that only one Penalty was incurred by seducing four Artificers, there being only one Information; R. v. Medcalfe, cited 4 Bur. 2026.

(2.) The Stat. 23 Geo. II. c. 13. (the next Number) imposes a specific Punishment upon this Offence. In R. v. Cator, 4 Bur. 2026, Lord Mansfield said that the latter Act seems to be a Repeal of the former: it was intended to supply the Deficiencies of the former. This Expression is, in Ruffhead and Runnington's Editions, supposed to mean that the Statute itself was totally repealed, which seems to be a Mistake, there being nothing in Stat. 23. Geo. II. to affect the Provisions of § 3 and 4.

shall from thenceforth be and be deemed and taken to be an Alien, and shall be put out of his Majesty's Protection.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said first Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and nineteen, upon Complaint made upon Oath before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, that any Person or Persons is or are endeavouring to seduce or draw away any such Manufacturer or Artificer as aforesaid out of his Majesty's Dominions, for any the Purposes aforesaid, or that any such Manufacturer or Artificer as aforesaid hath contracted, promised or is preparing to go out of his Majesty's Dominions for any of the Purposes aforesaid, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justice or Justices of the Peace unto whom such Complaint shall be made, to send forth his Warrant to bring the Person and Persons so complained of before him or them, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the same County, Riding, Division or City; and if, when such Person or Persons shall be so brought before such Justice or Justices, it shall appear to such Justice or Justices, by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or by the Confession of the Party or Parties so brought before him or them, that the Party so complained of was guilty of any of the said Offences, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice and Justices to bind the Person so charged to appear at the next Assizes, General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, Riding or Division where such Offence shall be committed, to answer the Premises, with reasonable Sureties for such his Appearance; and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to give such Security, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice and Justices to commit the Person or Persons so refusing to the County Gaol, there to be kept until the next Assizes or next Quarter Sessions of the County, City, Riding or Division where such Commitment shall be, at the Election of such Justice of the Peace, and until he, she, or they shall be delivered by due Course of Law; and in case any such Artificer or Manufacturer shall be convict upon any Indictment to be preferred against him at such Assizes or general Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid, of any such Promise or Contract, or Preparation to go abroad beyond the Seas, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, then and in such Case the Person so convict shall give such Security to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, not to depart out of his Majesty's Dominions for any of the Purposes aforesaid, as such Court shall think reasonable, and shall be imprisoned until such Security shall be given.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the above-mentioned Offences shall be committed in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, the same shall be prosecuted in the Court of Justiciary or the Circuits there.

No. 1.
5 George I.
c. 27.

Justices of Peace may, on Complaint of any Offence against this Act, issue their Warrant for the apprehending of the Offender, and bind him to appear at the Assizes, &c.

Persons refusing to give such Security may be committed.

Persons convicted shall give Security not to depart the Kingdom, or be imprisoned till such Security given.

Offenders in Scotland to be prosecuted in the Court of Justiciary or Circuits there.

No. 2.

19. 23 George II. c. 13.—An Act for the more effectual punishing of Persons convicted of seducing Artificers in the Manufactures of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, out of the Dominions of the Crown of *Great Britain*; and to prevent the Exportation of Utensils made use of in the Woollen and Silk Manufactures from *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, into foreign Parts; and for the more easy and speedy Determination of Appeals, allowed in certain Cases, by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, relating to Persons employed in the several Manufactures therein mentioned.

No. 2.
23 George
c. 13.

Geo. I. c. 27.

‘**W**HEREAS by an Act made in the fifth Year of the
Reign of his late Majesty King George the first,
intituled, “An Act to prevent the Inconveniences arising
from seducing Artificers in the Manufactures of *Great Britain*
into foreign Parts;” it is amongst other Things enacted, That
if any Person or Persons shall contract with, entice, endeavour
to persuade or solicit any Manufacturer or Artificer of or
in Wooll, Iron, Steel, Brass or any other Metal, Clock-maker,
Watch-maker, or any other Artificer or Manufacturer of
Great Britain, to go out of the Kingdom, into any foreign
Country out of his Majesty’s Dominions, and shall be lawfully
convicted thereof, in the Manner prescribed by the said Act;
the Person and Persons so convict shall be fined any Sum
not exceeding one hundred Pounds for such first Offence,
according to the Discretion of the Court, in which such Con-
viction shall be, and shall be imprisoned for the Space of
three Months, and until such Fine shall be paid; and if any
Person or Persons having been once convict as aforesaid,
shall offend again, and be so convict a second Time of the
like Offence, then, and in such Case, the Person so convict
a second Time, shall be fined at the Discretion of the Court,
where such Conviction shall be, and shall be imprisoned for
twelve Months, and until such Fine shall be paid: And
whereas, notwithstanding the Penalties to which Offenders
against the said Act are thereby subjected, divers wicked
and evil-disposed Persons have of late seduced into foreign
Parts several Artificers in the Woollen and other Manufac-
tures; and it is therefore become necessary to make some
further and more effectual Provision, to deter such Persons
from committing the said Offences, so destructive to the
Trade of this Kingdom:’ Therefore, for preventing the said
pernicious Practices for the future, and for explaining, amend-
ing and rendering more effectual the said Act, Be it enacted
by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Ad-
vice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and
Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the

Authority of the same, That if at any Time after the twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and fifty, any Person or Persons shall contract with, entice, persuade or endeavour to persuade, solicit or seduce any Manufacturer, Workman or Artificer of or in Wooll, Mohair, Cotton or Silk, or of or in any Manufactures made up of Wooll, Mohair, Cotton or Silk, or any of the said Materials mixed one with another, or of or in Iron, Steel, Brass or any other Metal, or any Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Manufacturer, Workman or Artificer of or in any other of the Manufactures of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, of what Nature or Kind soever, to go out of this Kingdom, or out of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, into any foreign Country, not within the Dominions of or belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*; and shall be lawfully convicted thereof upon any Indictment or Information to be preferred or brought against him, her or them, in his Majesty's Court of *King's Bench* at *Westminster*, or by Indictment at the Assizes or General Gaol Delivery for the County, Riding or Division, wherein such Offence shall be committed (if such Offence shall be committed in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*) or by Indictment in the Court of Justiciary or any of the Circuit Courts in *Scotland* (if such Offence shall be committed in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*) or by Indictment or Information in his Majesty's Court of *King's Bench* at *Dublin* (if such Offence shall be committed in *Ireland*) the Person or Persons so convicted, shall, for every Artificer, Workman or Manufacturer, so by him, her or them respectively contracted with, enticed, persuaded, solicited or seduced, severally forfeit the Sum of five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and shall also suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County, Riding, Division, Shire, or Stewartry, wherein such Offender or Offenders shall be respectively convicted, for the Space of twelve Calendar Months, without Bail or Mainprize, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid; and in case of a further Conviction, in Manner before prescribed by this Act, for or upon a second or other subsequent Offence of the same Kind, the Person or Persons so again offending shall, upon every second or other subsequent Conviction, severally forfeit for every Person so by him, her or them respectively contracted with, enticed, persuaded, solicited or seduced, the Sum of one thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and shall also suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County, Riding, Division, Shire or Stewartry, wherein such Offender or Offenders shall be respectively convicted, for the Space of two Years, without Bail or Mainprize, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid; any thing in the said in part recited Act of the fifth Year of his said late Majesty's Reign to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. Provided nevertheless, That no Person shall be prosecuted for any of the Offences aforesaid, unless such Prosecution shall be commenced within the Space of twelve Calendar Months next after such Offence shall be committed.

No. 2.

23 George II.

c. 13.

Persons convicted of seducing Artificers in the Manufactures of Great Britain or Ireland, out of the Dominions of Great Britain,

to forfeit 500*l.* and to be imprisoned for 12 Months.

And for a second Offence to forfeit 1000*l.*

and to be imprisoned for 2 Years.

Prosecution to be commenced within 12 Months.

No. 2.
23 George II.
c. 13.

Persons export-
ing Utensils of
the Woollen
and Silk Manu-
factures,

shall forfeit the
Tools and Tool.

Officers, of the
Customs im-
powered to seize
Tools found on
Board Ships
bound to foreign
Parts.

To be sold after
Condemnation.

‘III. And whereas the Exportation of the several Tools or Utensils made use of in preparing, working up and finishing the Woollen and Silk Manufactures, or any or either of them, will enable Foreigners to work up such Manufactures, and thereby greatly diminish the Exportation of the same from this Kingdom;’ Therefore, for preserving as much as possible to his Majesty’s *British* Subjects, the Benefits arising from those great and valuable Branches of Trade and Commerce; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and fifty, if any Person or Persons in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* shall, upon any Pretence whatsoever, load or put on Board, or cause to be loaden or put on board of any Ship, Vessel or Boat which shall not be bound directly to some Port or Place in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or to some other of the Dominions of the Crown of *Great Britain*, any such Tools or Utensils as are commonly used in, or are proper for the preparing, working up, or finishing of the Woollen or Silk Manufactures, or any or either of them, or any Parts or Parcels of such Tools or Utensils, by what Name or Names such Tools or Utensils shall or may be called or known, the Person or Persons so offending shall, for every such Offence, not only forfeit and lose all such Tools and Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, which shall be so loaden or put on Board as aforesaid, but also the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of his Majesty’s Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Session in *Scotland*, or in any of the four Courts at *Dublin* respectively, wherein no *Essoin*, Protection, Privilege or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, or more than one Impar lance.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and fifty, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Officer of his Majesty’s Customs in *Great Britain*, and for any Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, to seize and secure in some or one of his Majesty’s Warehouses, all such Tools or Utensils by this Act prohibited to be exported, as such Officer shall find or discover to be laid or put on board of any Ship, Vessel or Boat which shall not be bound directly to some Port or Place in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or to some other of the Dominions of the Crown of *Great Britain*, and that every Officer who shall seize and secure any of the said Tools or Utensils, shall be fully and absolutely indemnified for so doing; and all Tools or Utensils so seized and secured as aforesaid, shall, after Condemnation thereof, in due Course of Law, be publicly sold to the best Bidder, and one Moiety of the Produce arising by the Sale of such Tools and Utensils, shall be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Officer who shall seize and secure the same as aforesaid.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of June one thousand seven hundred and fifty, if the Captain or Master of any Ship, Vessel or Boat, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, shall knowingly permit any of the said Tools or Utensils by this Act prohibited to be exported as aforesaid, to be put on board his said Ship, Vessel or Boat, every such Captain or Master shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be sued for and recovered in the same Manner as the Penalties by this Act inflicted upon Persons exporting the said Tools or Utensils are to be sued for and recovered; and if the said Ship, Vessel or Boat belongs to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, then the Captain or Master thereof shall not only forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be sued for and recovered as aforesaid, but shall also forfeit his Employment, and be incapable of any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

No. 2.
George II.
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Captains of his
Majesty's Ships
to forfeit tool.
and to be ca-
shiered.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter or other Officer of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or any Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, shall take, or knowingly or willingly suffer to be taken, any Entry outward, or shall sign any Cocket, Warrant or Sufferance for the shipping or exporting of any of the said Tools or Utensils by this Act prohibited to be exported, or shall knowingly or willingly permit or suffer the same to be done, directly or indirectly, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, every such Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter or other Officer of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland* so offending, shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be sued for and recovered as aforesaid; and shall also forfeit his Office, and be incapable of any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Officer of the
Custom-house,
signing Cock-
ets, &c. for the
exporting such
Tools,

to forfeit tool,
and his Em-
ployment.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Moiety of the respective Forfeitures by this Act inflicted upon Offenders against the same, shall, when recovered, go to be applied to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Person or Persons who shall sue and prosecute for the same respectively.

One Moiety to
the King, the
other to the
Prosecutor.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Suit or Action shall be commenced against any Person for what he shall do in pursuance of this Act, such Action shall be commenced within six Months after the Fact committed; and the Person so sued may file common Bail, or enter a common Appearance, and plead the General Issue, Not Guilty, and may give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgment be given against him, the Defendant shall recover Treble Costs.

Limitation of
Actions.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

No. 3.

14 George III. c. 71½—An Act to prevent the Exportation to foreign Parts of Utensils made Use of in the Cotton, Linen, Woollen, and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom.

No. 3.
14 George III.
c. 71.

Persons ship-
ping Tools used
in the Cotton or
Linen Manu-
factures, in or-
der to export
the same,

to forfeit all
such Tools, &c.
and tool.

Officers to seize
all Tools, &c.

‘WHEREAS the Exportation of the several Tools or Utensils made use of in preparing, working up, and finishing the Cotton and Linen Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any or either of them, or any other Goods wherein Cotton and Linen, or either of them, are used, will enable Foreigners to work up such Manufactures, and thereby greatly diminish the Exportation of the same from this Kingdom: Therefore for preserving as much as possible to his Majesty’s British Subjects the Benefits arising from those great and valuable Branches of Trade and Commerce, Be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if at any Time after the first Day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, any Person or Persons, in Great Britain or Ireland, shall upon any Pretence whatsoever, load or put on board, or cause to be laden or put on board, of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, which shall not be bound directly to some Port or Place in Great Britain or Ireland, any such Tools or Utensils, as are commonly used in, or are proper for the preparing, working up, or finishing, of the Cotton or Linen Manufactures, or any or either of them, or any other Goods wherein Cotton and Linen, or either of them are used, or any Parts or Parcels of such Tools or Utensils, by what Name or Names the same shall or may be called or known; the Person or Persons so offending shall, for every such Offence, not only forfeit and lose all such Tools and Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, which shall be so laden or put on board as aforesaid, but also the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty’s Courts of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Session in Scotland, or in any of the four Courts of Dublin respectively, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, or more than one Imparlance.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said first Day of July, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Officer of his Majesty’s Customs in Great Britain, and for any Officer of the Revenue in Ireland, to seize and secure, in some or one of his Majesty’s Warehouses, all such Tools or Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, by this Act prohibited to be exported, as such Officer shall find or discover to be laid or put on board of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, which shall not be bound directly to some Port or Place

in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, and that every Officer who shall seize and secure any of the said Tools or Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, shall be fully and absolutely indemnified for so doing; and all Tools and Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, so seized and secured as aforesaid, shall, after Condemnation thereof in due Course of Law, be publickly sold to the best Bidder, and one Moiety of the Produce arising by the Sale of such Tools and Utensils shall be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Officer who shall seize and secure the same as aforesaid.

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14 George III.
c. 71.

which may be
publickly sold,
&c.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said first Day of *July*, if the Captain or Master of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, shall knowingly permit any Tools or Utensils, by this Act prohibited to be exported as aforesaid, to be put on board his said Ship, Vessel, or Boat, every such Captain or Master shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; to be sued for and recovered in such Manner as the Penalties by this Act upon Persons exporting the said Tools and Utensils are to be sued for and recovered: And if the said Ship, Vessel, or Boat belongs to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, then the Captain or Master thereof shall not only forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as aforesaid, but shall also forfeit his Employment, and be incapable of any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Master permit-
ting such Tools
to be exported,
forfeits 200l.;

and Captain
forfeits 200l.
and his Com-
mission.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter, or other Officer of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or any Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, shall take, or knowingly or willingly suffer to be taken, any Entry outward, or shall sign any Cocket, Warrant, or Sufferance, for the shipping or exporting of any of the said Tools or Utensils by this Act prohibited to be exported, or shall knowingly or willingly permit or suffer the same to be done, directly or indirectly, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, every such Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter, or other Officer of the Customs of *Great Britain*, or Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be sued for and recovered as aforesaid, and shall also forfeit his Office, and be incapable of holding any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Officer allow-
ing an Entry of
such prohibited
Utensils, to for-
feit 200l. and
his Office.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the said first Day of *July*, shall collect, obtain, or have in his, her or their Custody or Possession any such Tools or Implements as aforesaid, or any Tools or Implements used in the Woollen or Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any Parts or Parcels thereof, and Complaint shall be made upon the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before

Any Person col-
lecting such
Tools, in order
to export the
same.

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c. 71.

Justices may
grant Warrants,
&c.

And in case
such Person be
convicted he
shall lose all
such Utensils,
and forfeit 200l.

Forfeitures.

any Justice or Justices of the Peace, that there is Reason to believe such Person or Persons have or hath collected, obtained, or got into his, her, or their Custody or Possession, such Tools or Implements as aforesaid, or Parts or Parcels thereof, with Intent to export the same to some other Port or Place than *Great Britain* or *Ireland*; then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justice or Justices of the Peace, unto whom such Complaint shall be made, to issue his Warrant or Warrants, not only to seize all such Tools or Implements, and Parts or Parcels thereof, but also to bring the Person and Persons so complained of before him or them, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the same County, Riding, Division, or City; and if, when such Person or Persons shall be so brought before such Justice or Justices, he, she, or they shall not give such an Account of the Use or Purpose to which such Tools or Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, are intended to be appropriated, as shall be satisfactory to the Justice or Justices before whom he, she, or they shall be brought as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, not only to cause all such Tools or Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, which shall have been seized as aforesaid, to be detained, but also to bind the Person or Persons so charged to appear at the next Assizes, General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, Riding, or Division, where such Offence shall be committed, with reasonable Sureties for his, her, or their Appearance; and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to give such Security, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice and Justices to commit the Person or Persons so refusing to the County Gaol, there to be kept until the next Assizes, or next Quarter Sessions, of the County, City, Riding, or Division, where such Commitment shall be, at the Election of such Justice of the Peace, and until he, she, or they, shall be delivered by due Course of Law: And in case any such Person or Persons shall be convicted upon any Indictment or Information against him, her, or them, at such Assize or General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid, of collecting, obtaining, or getting into his, her, or their Custody or Possession, such Tools or Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, with such Intent as aforesaid; then, and in such Case, the Person or Persons so offending, shall, for every such Offence, not only forfeit and lose all such Tools and Utensils, and Parts and Parcels thereof, which shall be so seized and detained, but also the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Session in *Scotland*, or in any of the four Courts at *Dublin* respectively, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Moiety of the respective Forfeitures by this Act

inflicted upon Offenders against the same, shall, when recovered, go and be applied to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Person or Persons who shall sue and prosecute for the same respectively.

No. 3.
14 George III.
c. 71.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Suit or Action shall be commenced against any Person, for what he shall do in pursuance of this Act, such Action shall be commenced within six Months after the Fact committed; and the Person so sued may file common Bail, or enter a common Appearance, and plead the General Issue, Not Guilty; and may give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him or her, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall recover Treble Costs.

Limitation of
Actions.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

No. 4.

15 George III. c. 5. — An Act to repeal so much of an Act made in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “An Act to prevent the Exportation to Foreign Parts of Utensils made use of in the Cotton, Linen, Woollen, and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom,” as relates to Wool Cards used in the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom, intended to be exported to any of his Majesty’s Colonies or Plantations in *America*.

No. 5.

21 George III. c. 37.—An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “An Act to prevent the Exportation to foreign Parts of Utensils made use of in the Cotton, Linen, Woollen, and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom.”

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “An Act to prevent the Exportation to foreign Parts of Utensils made use of in the Cotton, Linen, Woollen, and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom,” certain Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, are provided, inflicted, and imposed, for the Purpose of preventing and prohibiting the Exportation into foreign Parts (except to any Port or Place within Great Britain or Ireland) of all such Tools or Utensils as are commonly used in, or are proper for the preparing, working up, or finishing, of the Cotton or Linen Manufactures of this

No. 5.
21 George III.
c. 37.
Preamble.
Act 14 G. 3.
recited.

No. 5.
21 George III.
c. 37.

After June 24,
1781, if any
Person, in
Great Britain
or Ireland, shall
pack or put on
Board any Ves-
sel any Ma-
chine, Tool, or
Utensil used in
the Woollen,
Cotton, Linen,
or Silk Manu-
factures, or any
Model of such
Machine, &c.

any Justice may
grant a Warrant
for seizing such
Machines, &c.
and bringing
such Person, be-

Kingdom; and also for the preventing and prohibiting all
and every Person or Persons whomsoever from the collect-
ing, obtaining, or having in his, her, or their Custody or
Possession, with Intent to export, any Tools or Implements
used as well in the said Cotton or Linen, as in the Woollen
or Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom: And whereas the
Penalties and Forfeitures to which Offenders against the said
Act are thereby subjected and made liable, and the Provi-
sions, Powers, and Remedies thereby made and provided,
for the Recovery and enforcing of such Penalties and For-
feitures, are found inadequate to the Prevention of the Evils
thereby intended to be remedied; and it is therefore become
necessary to make some further and more effectual Provision
to deter Persons from committing the said Offences, so de-
structive to the Trade of this Kingdom: Therefore, for the
better preserving to his Majesty's Subjects the Benefits aris-
ing from those great and valuable Branches of Trade and
Commerce, and for preventing the said pernicious Practices
for the future, and for explaining, amending, and rendering
more effectual, the said recited Act, Be it enacted by the
King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and
Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons,
in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of
the same, That if, at any Time after the twenty-fourth Day of
June one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, any Person
or Persons in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* shall, upon any Pre-
tence whatsoever, load, or put on Board, or pack, or cause or
procure to be laden, put on Board, or packed, in order to be
loaded or put on Board of any Ship or Vessel, which shall not
be bound directly to some Port or Place in *Great Britain* or
Ireland, or shall lade, or cause or procure to be laden, on
Board any Boat or other Vessel, or shall bring, or cause to be
brought, to any Quay, Wharf, or other Place, in order to be
so laden or put on Board any such Ship or Vessel, any Ma-
chine, Engine, Tool, Press, Paper, Utensil, or Implement
whatsoever, which now is, or at any Time or Times hereafter
shall or may be used in, or proper for the preparing, working,
pressing, finishing, or completing, of the Woollen, Cotton,
Linen, or Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom, or any or either
of them, or any other Goods wherein Wool, Cotton, Linen,
or Silk, or any or either of them, are or is used, or any Part
or Parts of such Machine, Engine, Tool, Press, Paper, Uten-
sil, or Implement, by what Name or Names soever the same
shall be called or known; or any Model or Plan, or Models or
Plans, of any such Machine, Engine, Tool, Press, Paper,
Utensil, or Implement, or any Part or Parts thereof, and Com-
plaint being made, upon the Oath of one or more credible
Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice or Justices of the
Peace, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or
Justices of the Peace to issue his or their Warrant or Warrants,
not only to seize all such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press,
Papers, Utensils, or Implements, and Part or Parts thereof,

and all such Model or Plan, Models or Plans, and Part or Parts thereof, together with the Packages, and all other Goods packed therewith, if any such there be, but also to bring the Person or Persons so complained of before him or them, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the same County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty, Shire, Stewartry, or Place; and if, when such Person or Persons shall be brought before such Justice or Justices, he, she, or they, shall not give such an Account of the Use or Purpose to which such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, or Implements, and Part or Parts thereof, and all such Model or Plan, Models or Plans, and Part or Parts thereof, are intended to be appropriated, as shall be satisfactory to the Justice or Justices before whom he, she, or they, shall be brought as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, not only to cause all such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, or Implements, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, which shall have been seized as aforesaid, together with the Packages, and all other Goods packed therewith, to be detained, but also to bind the Person or Persons so charged to appear at the next Assizes, General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, Riding, Division, Stewartry, or Place, where such Offence shall be committed, with reasonable Sureties for his, her, or their Appearance; and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to give such Security, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to commit the Person or Persons so refusing to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept until the next Assizes, or next Quarter Sessions, of the County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, where such Commitment shall be, and until he, she, or they, shall be delivered by due Course of Law; and in case any such Person or Persons shall be convicted of any of the Offences aforesaid, upon any Indictment or Information against him, her, or them, at such Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid, the Person or Persons so offending shall, for every such Offence, not only forfeit all such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Paper, Utensil, or Implements, Models or Plans, or Parts thereof respectively, together with the Packages, and all other Goods packed therewith, if any such there be, but also the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and shall also suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol, Prison, or House of Correction, of the County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, wherein such Offender or Offenders shall be respectively convicted, for the Space of twelve Months, without Bail or Mainprize, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of June, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Officer of his Majesty's Customs in *Great Britain*, and to and for any Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, and they are hereby required to seize,

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21 George III.
c. 37.

and if a satisfactory Account be not given to the Justice, he may detain such Machines, &c. and bind the Party to appear at the next Assizes, &c.

On Neglect of giving Security, the Party may be committed.

Penalty on Conviction.

Custom-house Officers empowered to seize all such Machines, &c. going to be exported.

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21 George III.
c. 37.

and secure in some or one of his Majesty's Warehouses, all such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, and all and every such Model or Plan, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, as such Officer shall find or discover, to be laid or put on board, or intended to be laid or put on board of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, which shall not be bound directly to some Port or Place in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, together with the Packages, and all other Goods packed therewith, if any such there be, and they are hereby indemnified in so doing; and all Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, and Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, Model or Plan, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, together with the Packages and other Goods packed therewith, so seized and secured as aforesaid, shall, after Condemnation thereof in due Course of Law, be publickly sold to the best Bidder, by Order of the Commissioners of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or Commissioners of the Revenue in *Ireland* respectively; and one Moiety of the Produce arising by the Sale thereof, after deducting the Charges of Condemnation and Sale, shall be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Officer who shall seize and prosecute the same as aforesaid.

Penalty on Captain taking on board any such Machine, &c.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of *June*, if the Captain or Master of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, shall knowingly or designedly permit or suffer any Machine, Engine, Tool, Press, Paper, Utensil, or Implement, or Part or Parts thereof, or any Model or Plan, or Part or Parts thereof, by this Act prohibited to be exported as aforesaid, to be put on board his said Ship, Vessel, or Boat, every such Captain or Master shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds; and if the said Ship, Vessel, or Boat, shall belong to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, then the Captain, or Master thereof, shall not only forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds, but shall also forfeit his Employment, and be incapable of holding any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Penalty on Custom-house Officers who shall take any Entry outward, &c. for exporting any such prohibited Machines, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter, or other Officer of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or any Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, shall take, or knowingly or willingly suffer to be taken, any Entry outward, or shall sign any Cocket, Warrant, or Suffrance, for the shipping or exporting of any of the said Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, or Implements, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any of the said Models or Plans, or any Part or Parts thereof, by this Act prohibited to be exported, or shall knowingly or willingly permit or suffer the same to be done, directly or indirectly, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, every such Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter, or other Officer of the Customs of *Great Britain*, or

Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds, and shall also forfeit his Office, and be incapable of holding any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

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21 George III.
c. 37.

V. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Penalties and Forfeitures herein before mentioned (the Manner of Recovery whereof is not herein before particularly directed) shall and may be sued for and recovered, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Session in *Scotland*, or in any of the four Courts at *Dublin*, in the Name of his Majesty's Attorney General, or Lord Advocate, or in the Name of some Officer or Officers of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or some Officer or Officers of the Revenue in *Ireland* respectively, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than one Impar lance, shall be allowed; and that one Moiety of the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall go and be applied to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of such Officer or Officers of the Customs or Revenue as shall sue and prosecute for the same respectively, after deducting the Charges of Prosecution from the Whole.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered and applied.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of *June*, if any Person or Persons hath or have in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, or shall collect, obtain, make, apply for, or cause or procure to be made, any such Machine, Engine, Tool, Press, Paper, Utensil, or Implement, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any such Model or Plan, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof as aforesaid, with Intent to export, or that the same may be exported to some other Port or Place than *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, and Complaint being made, upon the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, that there is Reason to believe such Person or Persons hath or have in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, or hath or have collected, obtained, made, applied for, or caused or procured to be made, any such Machine, Engine, Tool, Press, Paper, Utensil, or Implement, or Part or Parts thereof, or any such Model or Plan, or Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, as aforesaid, with Intent to export, or that the same may be exported to some other Port or Place than *Great Britain* or *Ireland*; then, and in any of the said Cases, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justice or Justices of the Peace to issue his or their Warrant or Warrants to seize all such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, and all such Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, as aforesaid, and to bring the Person or Persons so complained of before him or them, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the same County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place; and if

If Oath shall be made before a Justice of any such prohibited Machines, &c. being intended to be exported, they may be seized and detained, and the Person in whose Possession they are found may be bound to appear at the next Assizes, &c.

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On Neglect of
giving Security,
the Party may
be committed.

Penalty on Con-
viction.

Prosecution to
be commenced
within twelve
Months.

Forfeitures
(where not
otherwise pro-
vided) to go to
the Informer.

such Person or Persons shall not give such an Account of the Use or Purpose to which such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, is, are, or were intended to be appropriated, as shall be satisfactory to the Justice or Justices before whom he, she, or they shall be brought as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to cause all such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Paper, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, which shall have been so seized as aforesaid, to be detained, and also to bind the Person or Persons so charged to appear at the next Assizes, General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place where such Offence shall be committed, with reasonable Sureties for his, her, or their Appearance; and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to give such Security, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to commit such Person or Persons to the County Gaol, Prison, or House of Correction, there to remain until the next Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty, Stewartry, or Place where such Commitment shall be, and until he, she, or they shall be delivered by due Course of Law; and in case any such Person or Persons shall be convicted, upon any Indictment or Information against him, her, or them, at such Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid, of having in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, or of having collected, obtained, made, applied for, or caused or procured to be made, any such Machine, Engine, Tool, Press, Paper, Utensil, or Implement, or Part or Parts thereof, Model or Plan, or Part or Parts thereof, with such Intent as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, the Person or Persons so convicted shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and lose all such Machines, Engines, Tools, Press, Papers, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, which shall be so seized and detained, and also the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, and shall suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, wherein such Offender or Offenders respectively shall be convicted, for the Space of twelve Months, without Bail or Mainprize, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid. Provided nevertheless, That no Person shall be prosecuted for any of the Offences aforesaid, in this Clause mentioned, unless such Prosecution shall be commenced within the Space of twelve Months next after such Offence shall be committed.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the respective Forfeitures by this Act inflicted upon Offenders against the same, shall, when recovered (where the same is not by this Act otherwise provided), go and be applied

to the Use of the Informer, after the Expences of the Prosecution are paid.

No. 5.

21 George III.

c. 37.

Limitation of Actions.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Suit or Action shall be commenced against any Person for what he shall do in pursuance of this Act, such Suit or Action shall be commenced within six Months next after the Fact committed, and the Person so sued may file common Bail, or enter a Common Appearance, and plead the General Issue Not Guilty, and may give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become Nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him or her, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall recover Treble Costs.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

IX. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to the preventing Wool Cards, or Stock Cards, not exceeding in Value four Shillings per Pair, and Spinners' Cards not exceeding in Value one Shilling and Sixpence per Pair, used in the said Woollen Manufacture, from being exported to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America.

Not to extend to Wool Cards, &c. exported to America.

No. 6.

22 George III. c. 60. — An Act to prevent the seducing of Artificers or Workmen employed in printing Callicoos, Cottons, Muslins, and Linens, or in making or preparing Blocks, Plates, or other Implements used in that Manufactory, to go to Parts beyond the Seas; and to prohibit the exporting to foreign Parts of any such Blocks, Plates, or other Implements.

No. 6.

22 George III.

c. 60.

WHEREAS the Business or Manufactory of printing Callicoos, Cottons, Muslins, and Linens, with Wooden Blocks, has been long carried on in this Kingdom, greatly to the Advantage of the Publick, and has of late Years been much improved by using therein engraved Plates of Copper or other Metal, and thereby the Sale of such Goods has been considerably increased, and large Quantities exported: And whereas, for the encouraging of such Manufactory in this Kingdom, it is necessary that Provision should be made to prevent Artificers and others employed therein, or in making or repairing such Blocks and Plates, from departing, or from being seduced to depart, out of this Kingdom; and to prohibit the Exportation of any Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, to be used in such Manufactory: May it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons shall contract with, entice, or

Penalty on enticing Workmen

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employed in
printing Callico-
es, Cottons,
&c.

persuade, or endeavour to seduce or encourage, any Artificer or Workman concerned or employed, or who shall have worked at, or been employed in, printing Callicoës, Cottons, Muslins, or Linens of any Sort, or in making or preparing any Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, for such Manufactory, to go out of *Great Britain*, to any Parts beyond the Seas, and shall be convicted thereof, upon Indictment or Information in the Court of King's Bench at *Westminster*, or by Indictment at the Assizes or General Gaol Delivery for the County or Place wherein such Offence shall be committed, or the Offender or Offenders shall live or reside, or by Indictment in the Court of Justiciary or any of the Circuit Courts in *Scotland*, as the Case may be; every Person so convicted shall, for every Artificer so contracted with, enticed, persuaded, encouraged, or seduced, or attempted so to be, forfeit and pay the Sum of five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and shall be committed to the common Gaol for the County, Place, or Stewartry, wherein the Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for the Space of twelve Calendar Months, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid; and in case of a subsequent Offence of the same Kind, the Person or Persons so again offending, shall, upon the like Conviction, forfeit and pay, for every Person so contracted with, enticed, persuaded, encouraged, or seduced, or attempted so to be, the Sum of one thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and shall be committed to the common Gaol as aforesaid, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for and during the Term of two Years, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid.

Prosecution in
twelve Months.

II. Provided always, That no Person shall be prosecuted for any of the Offences aforesaid, unless such Prosecution shall be commenced within the Space of twelve Calendar Months next after such Offence shall be committed.

Penalty on ex-
porting or at-
tempting to ex-
port any Blocks,
&c.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever to export from *Great Britain* to any Parts beyond the Seas, any Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, commonly used in, or which are proper for the preparing, working up, or finishing of the Callico, Cotton, Muslin, or Linen Printing Manufactures, or any Part or Parts of such Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils; and if any Person or Persons shall put or endeavour to put on board any Ship, Boat, Barge, Lighter, or other Vessel, not bound directly to some Port in *Great Britain*, any such Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools or Utensils, or Part or Parts thereof, every such Person shall forfeit all such Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, or Part or Parts thereof; and also shall forfeit and pay the Sum of five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Session in *Scotland* respectively, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Officer or Officers of his Majesty's Customs or Excise, and they are hereby required and directed, from Time to Time, to seize, and secure in some of his Majesty's Warehouses, all such Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, or Part or Parts thereof, the Exportation whereof is hereby prohibited, as he or they shall find, or be informed to be on board, or in a Way of being put on board any Ship, Boat, Barge, Lighter, or other Vessel, not bound directly to some Port in *Great Britain*; and all Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, or Part or Parts thereof, so seized, shall, after Condemnation thereof in due Course of Law, be publickly sold to the best Bidder, to be used in *Great Britain*, and not elsewhere; and one Moiety of the Produce shall go to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Officer or Officers who shall have seized and secured the same.

No. 6.
22 George III.
c. 60.
Officers empowered to seize such Blocks, &c

V. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, if the Captain, Master, Mate, or other Officer, of any Ship or other Vessel in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, shall willingly or knowingly permit or suffer any such Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, or Part or Parts thereof, to be put on board his or their Ship or other Vessel, or shall connive at the same being done, he or they shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be recovered as the Penalties by this Act imposed on Persons exporting Blocks, or other Things, as aforesaid, are directed to be recovered; and if the Ship or Vessel belongs to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, the Captain, or other Officer or Officers thereof, so permitting, suffering, or conniving, shall, besides forfeiting the said Sum of one hundred Pounds, be, and is and are hereby declared to be incapable of holding any Office or Commission under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Penalty on Captains, &c. who shall permit such Blocks, &c. to be put on board.

VI. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, if any Officer or Officers of his Majesty's Customs shall take, or knowingly and willingly permit or allow, or suffer to be taken, any Entry or Entries outward, or sign any Cocket or Cockets or Suffrance, for the shipping or exporting of any of the said Blocks, Plates, Engines, Tools, or Utensils, or Part or Parts thereof, or knowingly suffer the same to be done, he or they shall forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be recovered in Manner aforesaid; and shall also forfeit and lose his or their Office or Employment, and be for ever rendered incapable of holding any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Penalty on Officers who shall take an Entry outward for exporting any of the said Blocks, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted, that one Moiety of the respective Forfeitures, by this Act inflicted on Offenders against the same, shall, when recovered, go and be applied to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; and the other

Forfeitures.

No. 6. Moiety to the Use of the Person or Persons who shall sue and
 22 George III. c. 60. prosecute for the same respectively.

Limitation of
 Actions.

General Issue

Treble Costs.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person for what he shall do in pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and the Person so sued shall and may file common Bail, and enter a common Appearance, and plead the General Issue Not Guilty, and may give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict shall pass against him, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given against him, then, and in any of the Cases aforesaid, the Defendant shall recover Treble Costs.

No. 7.

25 George III. c. 67.—An Act to prohibit the Exportation to foreign Parts, of Tools and Utensils made use of in the Iron and Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom; and to prevent the seducing of Artificers or Workmen, employed in those Manufactures, to go into Parts beyond the Seas.

No. 7.
 25 George III. c. 67.

No Person to
 put on board any
 Vessel for Ex-
 portation, any
 Tool, &c. in
 the Act speci-
 fied,

‘WHEREAS the Exportation of the several Tools and Utensils made use of in preparing, working up, and finishing the Iron and Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom, or either of them, will enable Foreigners to work up such Manufactures, and thereby greatly diminish the Exportation of the same from this Kingdom;’ therefore, for the preserving, as much as possible, to his Majesty’s Subjects the Benefits arising from those great and valuable Branches of Trade and Commerce, may it please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if, at any Time after the first Day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, any Person or Persons in Great Britain shall, upon any Pretence whatsoever, export, load, or put on board, or pack, or cause or procure to be laden, put on board, or packed, in order to be loaded or put on board of any Ship or Vessel which shall be bound to some Port or Place in Parts beyond the Seas (except to Ireland), or shall lade, or cause or procure to be laden, on board any Boat or other Vessel, or shall bring, or cause to be brought, to any Quay, Wharf, or other Place, in order to be so laden or put on board any such Ship or Vessel, any Tool or Utensil hereafter mentioned; that is to say, Hand Stamps, Dog Head Stamps, Pulley Stamps, Stamps of all Sorts, Hammers and Anvils for Stamps, Screws for Stamps, Iron Rods for Stamps, Presses of all Sorts, in Iron,

Steel, or other Metal, which are used for giving Impressions to Metal, or any Parts of these several Articles; Presses of all Sorts called *Cutting-out Presses*, Beds and Punches to be used therewith; Piercing Presses of all Sorts, Beds and Punches to be used therewith, either in Parts or Pieces, or fitted together; Iron or Steel Dies to be used in Stamps or Presses either with or without Impressions on them; Rollers of Cast Iron, Wrought Iron, or Steel, for rolling of Metal, and Frames for the same; Flasks or Casting Moulds, and Boards used therewith; Lathes of all Sorts for turning, burnishing, polishing, either the Whole together, or separate Parts thereof: Lathe Strings, polishing Brushes, Scoring or Shading Engines, Presses for Horn Buttons, Dies for Horn Buttons, Sheers for cutting of Metal, Rolled Steel, Rolled Metal with Silver thereon, Parts of Buttons not fitted up into Buttons, or in an unfinished State; Engines for Chasing, Stocks for casting Buckles, Buttons, and Rings; Cast Iron Anvils and Hammers for Forging Mills for Iron and Copper; Roles, Slitters, Beds, Pillars and Frames for Slitting Mills; Die-sinking Tools of all Sorts, Engines for making Button Shanks, Laps of all Sorts, Drilling Engines, Tools for pinching of Glass, Engines for covering of Whips, Polishing Brushes, Bars of Metal covered with Gold or Silver, Iron or Steel Screw Plates, Pins, and Stocks for making Screws, or any other Tool or Utensil whatsoever, which now is, are, or at any Time or Times hereafter shall or may be used in, or proper for the preparing, working, finishing, or completing of the Iron or Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom, or either of them, by what Name or Names soever the same shall be called or known, or any Model or Plan, or Models or Plans, of any such Tool, Utensil, or Implement, or any Part or Parts thereof; the Person or Persons so offending shall, for every such Offence, not only forfeit and lose all such Tools or Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, together with the Packages, and all other Goods packed therewith, if any such there be, and Complaint being made, upon the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices of the Peace to issue his or their Warrant or Warrants to bring the Person or Persons so complained of before him or them, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the same County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty, Shire, Stewartry, or Place; and if, when such Person or Persons shall be brought before such Justice or Justices, he, she, or they shall not give such an Account of the Use or Purpose to which such Tools, Utensils, or Implements, and Part or Parts thereof, and all such Model or Plan, Models or Plans, and Part or Parts thereof, are intended to be appropriated, as shall be satisfactory to the Justice or Justices before whom he, she, or they shall be brought as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to bind the Person or Persons so charged to appear at the next Assizes, General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the

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on Penalty of
Forfeiture
thereof;

and if the Of-
fender shall not
give a satisfac-
tory Account
before the Ma-
gistrate, he shall
be bound to ap-
pear at the next
Assizes, &c.

No. 7. County, City, Riding, Division, Stewartry, or Place, where
 25 George III. such Offence shall be committed, with reasonable Sureties for
 c. 67. his, her, or their Appearance; and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to give such Security, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to commit the Person or Persons so refusing to the Common Gaol, or House of Correction, there to be kept until the next Assizes, or next Quarter Sessions of the County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, where such Commitment shall be, and until he, she, or they shall be delivered by due Course of Law: And in case any such Person or Persons shall be convicted of any of the Offences aforesaid, upon any Indictment or Information against him, her, or them, at such Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the Yeace as aforesaid, the Person or Persons so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and shall also suffer Imprisonment, in the Common Gaol, Prison, or House of Correction, of the County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, wherein such Offender or Offenders shall be respectively convicted, for the Space of twelve Months, without Bail or Mainprize, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid.

or be committed
for Trial.

Penalty on Con-
viction.

Officers of the
Customs to
seize all such
Tools, &c. laid
or intended to
be laid on board
any outward
bound Vessel;

such Goods to
be sold.

Penalty on
Masters of Ves-
sels who shall
permit any such
Tools, &c. to be
put on board.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Officer of his Majesty's Customs in *Great Britain*, and they are hereby required to seize and secure, in some or one of his Majesty's Warehouses, all such Tools, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof; and all and every such Model or Plan, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, as such Officer shall find or discover to be laid or put on board, or intended to be laid or put on board, of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, which shall be bound to some Port or Place in Parts beyond the Seas (except to *Ireland*), contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, together with the Packages, and all other Goods packed therewith (if any such there be), and they are hereby indemnified in so doing; and all Tools, Utensils, and Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, Model or Plan, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, together with the Packages, and other Goods packed therewith, so seized and secured as aforesaid, shall, after Condemnation thereof in due Course of Law, be publicly sold to the best Bidder, by Order of the Commissioners of the Customs in *Great Britain* respectively; and one Moiety of the Produce arising by the Sale thereof, after deducting the Charges in Condemnation and Sale, shall be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Officer who shall seize and prosecute the same as aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, if the Captain or Master of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, in *Great Britain*, shall knowingly

or designedly permit or suffer any Tool, Utensil, or Implement, or Part or Parts thereof, or any Model or Plan, or Part or Parts thereof, by this Act prohibited to be exported as aforesaid, to be put on board his said Ship, Vessel, or Boat, every such Captain or Master shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds; and if the said Ship, Vessel, or Boat, shall belong to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, then the Captain or Master thereof shall not only forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds, but shall also forfeit his Employment, and be incapable of holding any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

No. 7.
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c. 67.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter, or other Officer of the Customs in *Great Britain*, shall take, or knowingly or willingly suffer to be taken, any Entry outward, or shall sign any Cocquet, Warrant, or Sufferance, for the shipping or exporting of any of the said Tools, Utensils, or Implements, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any of the said Models or Plans, or any Part or Parts thereof, by this Act prohibited to be exported, or shall knowingly or willingly permit, or suffer the same to be done, directly or indirectly, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; every such Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter, or other Officer of the Customs of *Great Britain*, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of two hundred Pounds, and shall also forfeit his Office, and be incapable of holding any Office or Employment under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

Penalty on Officers of Customs taking any Entry Outwards, &c. for such Tools or Utensils.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, if any Person or Persons hath or have in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, or shall collect, obtain, make, apply for, or cause or procure to be made, any such Tool, Utensil, or Implement, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any such Model or Plan, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof as aforesaid, with Intent to export, or that the same may be exported out of *Great Britain* to any Part or Place beyond the Seas (except to *Ireland*), and Complaint being made, upon the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, that there is Reason to believe such Person or Persons hath or have in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, or hath or have collected, obtained, made, applied for, or caused or procured to be made, any such Tool, Utensil, or Implement, or Part or Parts thereof, or any such Model or Plan, or Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof as aforesaid, with Intent to export, or that the same may be exported to some other Port or Place than *Great Britain* or *Ireland*; then, and in any of the said Cases, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justice or Justices of the Peace to issue his or their Warrant or Warrants to seize all such Tools, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, and all such Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof as aforesaid, and to bring the

Any Person having in Possession any such Tool, Utensil, &c. with Intent to export the same, any Justice may issue his Warrant for seizing thereof, and bringing such Person before him;

No. 7. Person or Persons so complained of before him or them, or as George III. c. 67. some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the same County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place; and if such Person or Persons shall not give such an Account of the Use or Purpose to which such Tools, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, is, are, or were intended to be appropriated, as shall be satisfactory to the Justice or Justices before whom he, she, or they shall be brought as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to cause all such Tools, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, which shall have been so seized as aforesaid, to be detained, and also to bind the Person or Persons so charged to appear at the next Assizes, General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place where such Offence shall be committed, with reasonable Sureties for his, her, or their Appearance; and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to give such Security, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to commit such Person or Persons to the County Gaol, Prison, or House of Correction, there to remain until the next Assizes, or Quarter Sessions of the County, City, Riding, Division, Liberty, Stewartry, or Place where such Commitment shall be, and until he, she, or they shall be delivered by due Course of Law; and in case any such Person or Persons shall be convicted, upon any Indictment or Information against him, her, or them, at such Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid, of having in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, or of having collected, obtained, made, applied for, or caused or procured to be made, any such Tool, Utensil, or Implement, or Part or Parts thereof, Model or Plan, or Part or Parts thereof, with such Intent as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, the Person or Persons so convicted shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and lose all such Tools, Utensils, or Implements, or Part or Parts thereof, Models or Plans, or Part or Parts thereof, which shall be so seized and detained, and also the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, and shall suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County, City, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, wherein such Offence or Offences respectively shall be committed, for the Space of twelve Months, without Bail or Mainprize, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid.

and if he shall not give a satisfactory Account thereof, such Tools, &c. may be detained, and the Possessor bound over to appear at the next Assizes, &c.

or may be committed.

Penalty in case of Conviction.

Penalty on Persons enticing Artificers in the Iron or Steel Manufac-

VI. And whereas, for the encouraging of such Manufactories in this Kingdom, it is necessary that Provision should be made to prevent Artificers, and others employed therein, from departing; or from being seduced to depart out of this Kingdom; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said first Day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, if any Person or Persons shall contract with, entice, persuade, or endeavour to

seduce or encourage any Artificer or Workman concerned or employed, or who shall have worked at, or been employed in, the Iron or Steel Manufactures in this Kingdom, or in making or preparing any Tools or Utensils for such Manufactory, to go out of *Great Britain* to any Parts beyond the Seas (except to *Ireland*), and shall be convicted thereof, upon Indictment or Information in the Court of King's Bench at *Westminster*, or by Indictment at the Assizes, or General Gaol Delivery, or Quarter Sessions for the County or Place wherein such Offence shall be committed, or the Offender or Offenders shall live or reside, or by Indictment in the Court of Justiciary, or any of the Circuit Courts in *Scotland*, as the Case may be; every Person so convicted shall, for every Artificer so contracted with, enticed, persuaded, encouraged, or seduced, or attempted so to be, forfeit and pay the Sum of five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and shall be committed to the Common Gaol for the County, Place, or Stewartry wherein the Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for the Space of twelve Calendar Months and until such Forfeiture shall be paid; and in Case of a subsequent Offence of the same Kind, the Person or Persons so again offending shall, upon the like Conviction, forfeit and pay, for every Person so contracted with, enticed, persuaded, encouraged, or seduced, or attempted so to be, the Sum of one thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and shall be committed to the Common Gaol as aforesaid, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for and during the Term of two Years, and until such Forfeiture shall be paid.

No. 7.
25 George III,
c. 67.

ture, &c., to
leave this King-
dom, (except to
Ireland):

For first Offence
500l. and twelve
Months' impris-
onment.

Second, &c.
1000l. and two
Years' Imprisonment.

VII. Provided always, that no Person shall be prosecuted for any of the Offences aforesaid, unless such Prosecution shall be commenced within the Space of twelve Calendar Months next after such Offence shall be committed.

Prosecution to
be commenced
within twelve
Months.

VIII. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Penalties and Forfeitures herein before mentioned, shall and may be sued for and recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Exchequer, or in the Court of Session, in *Scotland*, in the Name of his Majesty's Attorney General, or Lord Advocate, or in the Name of some Officer or Officers of the Customs in *Great Britain* respectively, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed; and that one Moiety of the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall go and be applied to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of such Officer or Officers of the Customs as shall sue and prosecute for the same respectively, after deducting the Charges of Prosecution from the Whole.

Penalties and
Forfeitures herein
be recovered
and applied.

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Suit or Action shall be commenced against any Person for what he shall do in pursuance of this Act, such Suit or Action shall be commenced within three Months next

Limitation of
Actions.

- No. 7. after the Fact committed; and the Person so sued may file
 25 George III. common Bail, or enter a common Appearance, and plead the
 c. 67. General Issue Not guilty, and may give this Act and the
 General Issue. Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor
 shall become nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict
 pass against him or her, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement
 shall be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall reco-
 Treble Costs. ver Treble Costs.

No. 8.

26 George III. c. 89.—An Act to explain, amend, and extend to other Tools and Utensils, an Act, made in the twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “An Act to prohibit the Exportation to foreign Parts of Tools and Utensils made use of in the Iron and Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom; and to prevent the seducing of Artificers or Workmen, employed in those Manufactures, to go into Parts beyond the Seas.

No. 8.
 26 George III.
 c. 89.
 Preamble
 reciting 25 Geo.
 3. c. 67.

‘WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, “An Act to prohibit the Exportation to foreign Parts of Tools and Utensils made use of in the Iron and Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom; and to prevent the seducing of Artificers or Workmen employed in those Manufactures, to go into Parts beyond the Seas,” it was, amongst other Things enacted, That if any Person or Persons in *Great Britain* should, upon any Pretence whatever, export, load, or put on board, or pack, or cause or procure to be laden, put on board, or packed, in order to be laden or put on board of any Ship or Vessel which should be bound to some Port or Place in Parts beyond the Seas (except to *Ireland*); or should lade, or cause or procure to be laden, on board any Boat or other Vessel, or should bring, or cause to be brought, to any Quay, Wharf, or other Place, in order to be so laden or put on board any such Ship or Vessel, any Tool or Utensil therein particularly mentioned, or any other Tool or Utensil whatever, which then were, or at any Time or Times thereafter should or might be used in, or proper for the preparing, working, finishing, or completing of the Iron or Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom, or either of them, by what Name or Names soever the same should be called or known, or any Model or Plan, or Models or Plans, of any such Tool, Utensil, or Implement, or any Part or Parts thereof; the Person or Persons so offending should, for every such Offence, forfeit and lose all such Tools or Utensils, or Parts or Parcels thereof, together with the Packages, and all other Goods packed therewith: And whereas the general Prohibition of the Exportation of Tools

‘ and Utensils made use of in the Iron and Steel Manufactures No. 8.
 ‘ of this Kingdom may be productive of Inconvenience;’ be 26 George III.
 it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by c. 89.
 and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and
 Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after
 the tenth Day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-
 six, it shall and may be lawful to export from *Great Britain* to
 the *British Islands* in the *West Indies*, or to any other foreign
 Part or Place whatever, any Tools or Utensils made use of in
 the Iron or Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom, which might
 have been legally exported before the passing of the before-
 recited Act (except the several Articles herein after particu-
 larly enumerated; that is to say, Rollers, either plain, groov-
 ed, or of any other Form or Denomination, of cast Iron,
 wrought Iron, or Steel, for the rolling of Iron, or any Sort of
 Metals, and Frames, Beds, Pillars, Screws, Pinions, and
 each and every Implement, Tool, or Utensil thereunto be-
 longing; Rollers, Slitters, Frames, Beds, Pillars, and Screws,
 for Slitting Mills; Presses of all Sorts in Iron, Steel, or other
 Metals, which are used with a Screw exceeding one Inch and
 an Half in Diameter; or any Parts of these several Articles,
 or any Model or Models of any of the before mentioned
 Utensils, Implements and Machines, or any Part or Parts
 thereof; and all Sorts of Utensils, Engines, or Machines used
 in the casting or boring of Cannon, or any Sort of Artillery,
 or any Parts thereof, or any Model or Models of Tools, Uten-
 sils, Engines, or Machines used in casting or boring of Cannon,
 or any Sort of Artillery, or any Parts thereof; Hand-stamps,
 Dog-head Stamps, Pulley Stamps, Hammers and Anvils for
 Stamps, Presses of all Sorts called *Cutting-out Presses*, Beds
 and Punches to be used therewith; Piercing Presses of all
 Sorts, Beds and Punches to be used therewith, either in Parts
 or Pieces, or fitted together; Scoring or Shading Engines,
 Presses for Horn Buttons, Dies for Horn Buttons, Rolled
 Metal with Silver thereon, Parts of Buttons not fitted up into
 Buttons, or in an unfinished State; Engines for Chasing,
 Stocks for casting Buckles, Buttons and Rings; Die-sinking
 Tools of all Sorts, Engines for making Button Shanks, Laps of
 all Sorts, Tools for pinching of Glass, Engines for covering of
 Whips, Bars of Metal covered with Gold or Silver, Burnishing
 Stones, commonly called *Blood Stones*, either in the rough State
 or finished for Use; any Thing in the said recited Act to the
 contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the tenth day of *July*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons, in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, to export to Parts beyond the Seas (except to *Ireland*), or to have in his or their Possession, with the Intent so to export, any of the Tools and Utensils hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, Wire Moulds for making Paper; Wheels made of Metal,

From July 10, 1786, such Tools used in the Iron and Steel Manufactures, &c. may be exported as might have been before passing recited Act, except the Articles herein specified.

No Person to have in Possession, with Intent to export (except to Ireland), any of the Articles herein specified.

- No. 8.** Stone, or Wood, for cutting, roughing, smoothing, polishing, and engraving Glass; Purcellas, Pincers, Sheers and Pipes, used in blowing Glass; Potters Wheels and Pottery Lathes for plain, round, and for Engine-turning Tools, used by Saddlers, Harness Makers, and Bridle-makers, namely, Cattle-strainers, Side-strainers, Point-strainers, Creasing-irons, Screw-creasers, Wheel-irons, Seat-irons, Pricking-irons, Bolstering-irons, Claws, Head-knives; and that the said-recited Act, so far as the same concerns the Exporters or Possessors of the Tools and Utensils therein enumerated or described, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to all and every the Exporters or Possessors of the Tools and Utensils herein enumerated or described, as fully, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act,
- 26 George III.** **c. 89.**
- Recited Act so far as relates to Exporters of Articles therein enumerated, to extend to Exporters of Articles specified in this Act.**
- Continuance of this Act.**
- III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in Force until the End of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer. [Made perpetual, after intermediate Continuances, by 35 Geo. 3. c. 38.]

PART V. CLASS XX.

OFFENCES RESPECTING ELECTIONS OF
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

No. 1.

5 William and Mary, c. 20.— An Act for granting to their Majesties several Rates and Duties upon Tonnage of Ships and Vessels, and upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, for securing certain Recompences and Advantages in the said Act mentioned, to such Persons as shall voluntarily advance the Sum of fifteen hundred thousand Pounds towards the carrying on the War against *France*.

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XLVIII. **A**ND to the End the great Duties of Excise, and the Powers given for the collecting and levying the same, may not be employed for the influencing of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, which Elections, by the Constitution of this Government, ought to be free and uncorrupt; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety-four, no Collector, Supervisor, Gauger, or other Officer or Person whatsoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Duties of Excise, or any Branch or Part thereof, shall by Word, Message, or Writing, or in any other Manner whatsoever, endeavour to persuade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the Choice of any Person to be a Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgess, or Baron of any County, City, Borough, or Cinque Port to serve in Parliament; and every Officer or other Person offending therein, shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Informer, the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed, to be recovered by any Person that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of their Majesties Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in which no Essoin, Protection,

No. 1.
5 William and
Mary, c. 20.
Officers in the
Excise not to
be persuaded in
Choice of
Members.

Penalty.

No. 1. Privilege or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed; and every Person convict on any such Suit of the said Offence, shall thereby become disabled and incapable of ever bearing or executing any Office or Place concerning or relating to the Duty of Excise, or any other Office or Place of Trust whatsoever under their Majesties, their Heirs or Successors.

William and Mary, c. 20.

No. 2.

7 and 8 William III. c. 4. — An Act for preventing Charge and Expence in Elections of Members to serve in Parliament.

No. 2.
7 and 8
William III.
c. 4.

‘WHEREAS grievous Complaints are made, and manifestly appear to be true, in the Kingdom, of undue Elections of Members to Parliament, by excessive and exorbitant Expences; contrary to the Laws, and in Violation of the Freedom due to the Election of Representatives for the Commons of *England* in Parliament, to the great Scandal of the Kingdom, dishonourable, and may be destructive to the Constitution of Parliaments:’ Wherefore, for Remedy therein, and that all Elections of Members to Parliament may be hereafter freely and indifferently made, without Charge or Expence; be it enacted and declared by our Sovereign Lord the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons hereafter to be elected to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, Borough, Port, or Place within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, after the Teste of the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or after the Teste or the issuing out or ordering of the Writ or Writs of Election upon the calling or summoning of any Parliament hereafter, or after any such Place becomes vacant hereafter in the Time of this present or of any other Parliament, shall or do hereafter, by himself or themselves, or by any other Ways or Means on his or their Behalf, or at his or their Charge, before his or their Election to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, Borough, Port, or Place within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, directly or indirectly give, present, or allow to any Person or Persons, having Voice or Vote in such Election, any Money, Meat, Drink, Entertainment, or Provision, or make any Present, Gift, Reward, or Entertainment, or shall, at any Time hereafter, make any Promise, Agreement, Obligation, or Engagement, to give or allow any Money, Meat, Drink, Provision, Present, Reward, or Entertainment, to or for any such Person or Persons in particular, or to any such County, City, Town, Borough, Port, or Place in general, or to or for

Candidates after the Teste of the Writ, &c. giving or promising any Present or Reward to any Person having Vote, for being so elected;

the Use, Advantage, Benefit, Employment, Profit, or Pre-ferment of any such Person or Persons, Place or Places, in order to be elected, or for being elected, to serve in Parliament for such County, City, Borough, Town, Port or Place. (1.)

No. 2.
7 and 8
William III.
c. 4.

II. And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That every Person and Persons so giving, presenting or allowing, making, promising or engaging, doing, acting or proceeding, shall be and are hereby declared and enacted, disabled and incapacitated, upon such Election, to serve in Parliament for such County, City, Town, Borough, Port or Place; and that such Person or Persons shall be deemed and taken, and are hereby declared and enacted to be deemed and taken, no Members in Parliament, and shall not act, sit, or have any Vote, or Place in Parliament, but shall be and are hereby declared and enacted to be to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as if they had been never returned or elected Members for the Parliament. [See 2 Geo. 2. cap. 24, which provides that Persons taking Money, &c. shall forfeit 500*l.* and be disabled to vote, &c. and which Act is extended to Election of Delegates in Scotland by 16 Geo. 2. c. 113.]

incapable to
serve in Parlia-
ment.

No. 3.

12 and 13 William III. c. 10. — An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty for defraying the Expence of his Navy, Guards, and Garrisons for one Year, and for other necessary Occasions.

D.

XCI. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the nine and twentieth Day of September, one thousand seven hundred and one, no Commissioner, Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, or other Officer or Person whatsoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying or managing the Customs, or any Branch or Part thereof, shall by Word, Message, or Writing, or in any other Manner whatsoever, endeavour to perswade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the Choice of any Person to be a Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgess, or Baron, of any County, City, Borough, or Cinque Port to serve in Parliament; and every Officer, or other Person offending therein shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds; one Moiety thereof to the Informer, the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed, to be recovered by any Person that shall sue for the same, by Action, of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, in which no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparllance shall be allowed; and every Person convicted on any such Suit, of the said Offence, shall thereby be-

No. 3.
12 and 13
William III.
c. 10.

No Officer of
the Customs to
influence any
Election of
Members.

Penalty.

(1.) An Ionkeeper cannot recover against a Candidate for Provisions supplied to Electors contrary to this Act; *Ribbands v. Crickell*, 1 B. and P. 261.

No. 3.
12 and 13
William III.
c. 10.

come disabled and incapable of ever bearing or executing any Office or Place concerning or relating to the Customs, or any other Office or Place of Trust whatsoever under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors.

No. 4.

D.

10 Anne, c. 19.—An Act for laying several Duties upon all Sope and Paper made in *Great Britain*, or imported into the same; and upon chequered and striped Linens imported, and upon certain Silks, Callicoes, Linens, and Stuffs, printed, painted, or stained; and upon several Kinds of stampd Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, and upon certain printed Papers, Pamphlets, and Advertisements; for raising the Sum of eighteen hundred thousand Pounds by Way of Lottery towards her Majesty's Supply; and for licensing an additional Number of Hackney Chairs; and for charging certain Stocks of Cards and Dice; and for better securing her Majesties Duties to arise in the Office for the Stamp Duties by Licences for Marriages and otherwise; and for Relief of Persons who have not claimed their Lottery Tickets in due Time, or have lost Exchequer Bills, or Lottery Tickets; and for borrowing Money upon Stock (Part of the Capital of the *South Sea Company*) for the Use of the Publick.

No. 4.
10 Anne,
c. 19.

The Commissioners and Officers appointed by this Act, not to intermeddle with Elections.

CLXXXII. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesid, That, no Commissioner, Officer, or other Person concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, receiving, or managing any of the Duties granted by this Act, shall, by Word, Message, or Writing, or in any other Manner, endeavour to persuade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for his Choice of any Person to be Knight of the Shire, Commissioner, Citizen, Burgess, or Baron for any County, City, Borough, or Cinque Port; and every Officer or other Person offending therein, shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds; one Moiety thereof to the Informer, the other Moiety thereof to the Use of the Poor of the Parish or Place where such Offence shall be committed; to be recovered by any Person that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Exchequer in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, in which no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed; and every Person convict on any such Suit shall thereby become disabled, and incapable of ever bearing or executing any Office or Place of Trust whatsoever, under her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors.

No. 5.

2 George II. c. 24.—An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Elections of Members to serve in Parliament.

WHEREAS it is found by Experience, that the Laws already in being have not been sufficient to prevent corrupt and illegal Practices in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament; For Remedy therefore of so great an Evil, and to the End that all Elections of Members to Parliament may hereafter be freely and indifferently made, without Charge or Expence, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the twenty-fourth Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, upon every Election of any Member or Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, every Freeholder, Citizen, Freeman, Burgess or Person having or claiming to have a Right to vote or be polled at such Election, shall, before he is admitted to poll at the same Election, take the following Oath (or, being one of the People called Quakers, shall make the solemn Affirmation appointed for Quakers) in case the same shall be demanded by either of the Candidates, or of any two of the Electors; that is to say,

I A. B. do swear, (or, being one of the People called Quakers, I A. B. do solemnly affirm) I have not received, or had by my Self, or any Person whatsoever in Trust for me, or for my Use and Benefit, directly or indirectly, any Sum or Sums of Money, Office, Place or Employment, Gift or Reward, or any Promise or Security for any Money, Office, Employment or Gift, in order to give my Vote at this Election, and that I have not been before polled at this Election.

Which Oath or Affirmation the Officer or Officers presiding or taking the Poll at such Election, is and are hereby empowered and required to administer *gratis*, if demanded, as aforesaid, upon Pain to forfeit the Sum of fifty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to any Person that shall sue for the same, to be recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance, shall be admitted or allowed; and if the said Offence shall be committed in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, then to be recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, by summary Action or Complaint before the Court of Session, or by Prosecution before the Court of Justiciary there, for every Neglect or Refusal so to do; and no Person shall be admitted to poll, till he has

No. 5.
2 George II.,
c. 24.
Extended to
Elections of De-
legates in Scot-
land by 16 Geo.
2, c. 11.

Electors of Par-
liament Men to
take the follow-
ing Oath, if de-
manded.

Electors' Oath.

Presiding Offi-
cer to adminis-
ter it on For-
feiture of 50*l*.

No. 5. taken and repeated the said Oath in publick Manner, in case
 2 George II. the same shall be demanded as aforesaid, before the returning
 c. 24. Officer or such others as shall be legally deputed by him.

Sheriff or other
 returning Offi-
 cer admitting
 any to be polled,
 before sworn, to
 forfeit 190l.

Voters to incur
 the like Penal-
 ty.

Returning Offi-
 cer after read-
 ing the Writ, to
 take the follow-
 ing Oath.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff or other returning Officer shall admit any Person to be polled without taking such Oath or Affirmation, if demanded as aforesaid, such returning Officer shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds, to be recovered in Manner aforesaid, together with full Costs of Suit; and that if any Person shall vote or poll at such Election without having first taken the Oath, or, if a *Quaker*, having made his Affirmation as aforesaid, if demanded, such Person shall incur the same Penalty, which the Officer is subject to for the Offence above mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff, Headborough or other Person, being the returning Officer of any Member to serve in Parliament, shall, immediately after the reading the Writ or Precept for the Election of such Member, take and subscribe the following Oath, *videlicet*,

‘ I *A. B.* do solemnly swear, That I have not, directly or indirectly, received any Sum or Sums of Money, Office, Place or Employment, Gratuity or Reward, or any Bond, Bill or Note, or any Promise or Gratuity whatsoever, either by my Self, or any other Person to my Use, or Benefit or Advantage, for making any Return at the present Election of Members to serve in Parliament; and that I will return such Person or Persons as shall, to the best of my Judgment, appear to me to have the Majority of legal Votes.’

Which Oath any Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County; City, Corporation or Borough where such Election shall be made, or, in his or their Absence, any three of the Electors are hereby required and authorized to administer; and such Oath, so taken, shall be entred among the Records of the Sessions of such County, City, Corporation and Borough as aforesaid.

What Votes
 shall be deemed
 legal.

IV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Votes shall be deemed to be legal, which have been so declared by the last Determination in the House of Commons; which last Determination concerning any County, Shire, City, Borough, Cinque Port or Place, shall be final to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty of wilful
 Perjury.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any returning Officer, Elector or Person taking the Oath or Affirmation herein before mentioned, shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury, or of false Affirming, and be thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall incur and suffer the Pains and Penalties, which by Law are enacted or inflicted in Cases of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury, or Subornation of Perjury, shall, after such Conviction, be capable of voting in any Election of any Member or Members to serve in Parliament.

No. 5.
2 George II.
c. 24.
Persons convicted never
capable to vote.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person who hath, or claimeth to have, or hereafter shall have, or claim to have any Right to vote in any such Election, shall, from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of June which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, ask, receive or take any Money or other Reward (1.) by way of Gift, Loan or other Device, or agree or contract for any Money, Gift, Office, Employment or other Reward whatsoever, to give his Vote, (2.) or to refuse or forbear to give his Vote in any such Election, or if any Person by himself, or any Person employed by him, doth or shall, by any Gift or Reward, or by any Promise, Agreement, or Security for any Gift or Reward, corrupt or procure any Person or Persons to give his or their Vote or Votes, or to forbear to give his or their Vote or Votes in any such Election, such Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be recovered as before directed, together with full Costs of Suit; and every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, from and after Judgment obtained against him in any such Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, or summary Action or Prosecution, or being any otherwise lawfully convicted thereof, shall for ever be disabled to vote in any Election of any Member or Members to Parliament, and also shall for ever be disabled to hold, exercise or enjoy any Office or Franchise to which he and they then shall or at any Time afterwards may be intitled, as a Member of any City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Cinque Port, as if such Person was naturally dead. (3.)

Persons taking
Money or Re-
ward for their
Vote, &c. for-
feit 500l. and
disabled to vote,
&c.

(1.) The Declaration must specify what in particular was received; a Gift or Reward is not sufficient; *Davy v. Baker*, 4 Bur. 2471.

(2.) A Person who has given another Money for his Vote, shall not be admitted to say that such other had no Right to vote. The Declaration was for endeavouring to bribe for A and B; the Proof was of offering a Bribe to vote for A and his Friend, and ruled sufficient; *Combe v. Pitt*, 3 Bur. 1587. The Penalty is incurred although the Party votes against the Candidate for whom the Bribe is given; *Salston v. Norton*, 3 Bur. 1235. The Bribe may be charged as a Gift, notwithstanding there being a Note and Counter-note, which is mere Evasion, Colour, Disguise, and Device; S. C.

(3.) Bribery in parliamentary Elections was an Offence at Common Law, and the Penalty imposed by this Statute is cumulative to the Common Law Punishment. The Court, in awarding Punishment, will take into Consideration the Liability under the Statute, and will not, in general, grant an Information until the Time of commencing an Action on the Statute has expired; *Rex v. Pitt and Mead*, 3 Bur. 1335; 1 Bl. Rep. 380. In *Rex v. Heyden*, 3 Bur. 1359, the Court adjourned passing Sentence on an Information until the Time for suing on the Statute had expired; and see S. C. 3 Bur. 1387.

No. 5.
2 George II.
c. 24.
Offenders dis-
covering others,
indemnified.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person offending against this Act shall, within the Space of twelve Months next after such Election as aforesaid, discover any other Person or Persons offending against this Act, so that such Person or Persons so discovered be thereupon convicted, such Person so discovering, and not having been before that Time convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall be indemnified, and discharged from all Penalties and Disabilities which he shall then have incurred by any Offence against this Act. (4.)

The Act to be
read by the Sher-
riff, &c. after
reading the
Writ,

IX. And for the more effectual Observance of this Act, be it enacted, That all and every the Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Officers, to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept for electing any Member or Members to serve in Parliament shall belong or appertain, shall and are hereby required, at the Time of such Election, immediately after the reading such Writ or Precept, read or cause to be read openly before the Electors there assembled, this present Act, and every Clause therein contained; and the same shall also openly be read once in every Year at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be holden next after *Easter*, for any County or City, and at every Election of the Chief Magistrate in any Borough, Town Corporate or Cinque Port, and at the annual Election of Magistrates and Town Counsellors for every Borough within that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

and at the Quar-
ter Sessions
after *Easter*.

Wilful Offence
forfeits 50*l*.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff and other Officer, to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept for the electing of Members to serve in Parliament doth belong, for every wilful Offence, contrary to this Act, shall forfeit the Sum of fifty Pounds, to be recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, in the Manner before directed.

Prosecution to
commence
within two
Years.

XI. Provided always, and it is hereby declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be made liable to any Incapacity, Disability, Forfeiture or Penalty by this Act laid or imposed, unless Prosecution be commenced within two Years after such Incapacity, Disability, Forfeiture or Penalty shall be incurred, or in case of a Prosecution the same be carried on without wilful Delay, (5.) any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

(4.) See *Sibley v. Cuming*, 4 Bur. 2465; *Curgenven v. Cuming*, 4 Bur. 2504; *Pugh v. Curgenven*, 3 Wils. 35; and the "*Cricklade Case*," 8*vo*. 1785.

(5.) See *Petrie v. White*, 3 T. R. 5.

No. 6.

18 George II. c. 18.—An Act to explain and amend the Laws touching the Elections of Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament for that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*.

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V. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, no Person shall vote in any such Election, without having a Freehold Estate in the County for which he votes, of the clear yearly Value of forty Shillings, over and above all Rents and Charges payable out of or in respect of the same, or without having been in the actual Possession, or in Receipt of the Rents and Profits thereof, for his own Use, above twelve Kalendar Months, unless the same came to him within the Time aforesaid, by Descent, Marriage, Marriage Settlement, Devise, or Promotion to any Benefice in a Church, or by Promotion to an Office, or shall vote in Respect or in Right of any Freehold Estate, which was made or granted to him fraudulently, on Purpose to qualify him to give his Vote, or shall vote more than once at the same Election: And if any Person shall vote in any such Election, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, he shall forfeit to any Candidate for whom such Vote shall not have been given, and who shall first sue for the same, the Sum of forty Pounds, to be recovered by him or them, his or their Executors or Administrators, together with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Wager of Law, Privilege or Imparance shall be admitted or allowed; and in every such Action, the Proof shall lie on such Person against whom the same was brought, unless the Fact on which such Action is grounded, be the having polled more than once at the same Election.

No. 6.

18 George II.
c. 18.

Further Qualifications of Electors.

Penalty of 40l.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be sufficient for the Plaintiff, in any Action of Debt given by this Act, to set forth in the Declaration or Bill, that the Defendant is indebted to him, in the Sum of _____ and to alledge the particular Offence for which the Action or Suit is brought; and that the Defendant hath acted contrary to this Act, without mentioning the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or the Return thereof; and it shall be sufficient in any Indictment or Information, for any Offence committed contrary to this Act, to alledge the particular Offence charged upon the Defendant; and that the Defendant is guilty thereof, without mentioning the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or the Return thereof; and upon Trial of any Issue in any such Action, Suit, Indictment or Information, the Plaintiff, Prosecutor or Informer, shall not be obliged to prove the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or the

The Manner of proceeding in case of Offence against this Act.

No. 6. Return thereof, or any Warrant or Authority to the Sheriff,
18 George II. grounded upon any such Writ of Summons.

c. 18. XIV. Provided always, That every Action, Suit, Indict-
Limitation of ment or Information given by this Act, shall be commenced
Actions. within the Space of nine Kalendar Months after the Fact,
upon which the same is grounded, shall have been committed.

Statutes of Jeo- XV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
fails, &c. ex- That all the Statutes of Jeofails and Amendments of the Law
tended to Pro- whatsoever, shall and may be construed to extend to all Pro-
ceedings on this ceedings in any Action, Suit, Indictment or Information, given
Act. or allowed by this Act, or which shall be brought in pursu-
ance thereof.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the
Authority aforesaid, That in case the Plaintiff or Informer, in
any Action, Suit, Indictment or Information, given by this
Act, shall discontinue the same, or be nonsuited, or Judg-
ment be otherwise given against him; then and in any of
the said Cases, the Defendant against whom such Action,
Suit, or Information shall have been brought, shall recover his
Treble Costs. Treble Costs.

No. 7.

19. 19 George II. c. 28.—An Act for the better regulating
of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament,
for such Cities and Towns in that Part of *Great*
Britain called *England*, as are Counties of them-
selves.

No. 7. IV. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
19 George II. That from and after the said twenty-fourth Day of
c. 28. June one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, no Person
Persons voting, shall vote, in such Election of a Member or Members to serve
to have a Free- in Parliament for any City or Town, being a County of itself,
hold Estate of and in which Persons have a Right to vote for such Members,
forty Shillings, for and in respect of Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, of
&c. the yearly Value of forty Shillings, unless such Persons shall
have a Freehold Estate in the City and County, or Town and
County for which he votes, of the clear yearly Value of forty
Shillings, over and above all Rents and Charges payable out
of or in respect of the same, and shall have been in the actual
Possession, or in Receipt of the Rents and Profits thereof for
his own Use, above twelve Calendar Months, except the
same came to him within the Time aforesaid by Descent,
Marriage, Marriage Settlement, Devise or Promotion to any
Benefice in a Church, or by Promotion to an Office; and no
Person shall vote in Respect or in Right of any Freehold
Estate which was made or granted to him fraudulently, on
purpose to qualify him to give his Vote, or shall vote more
than once at the same Election; and if any Person shall vote
in any such Election contrary to the true Intent and Meaning

and to be in
Possession
above twelve
Months.
Exception.

Penalty of
fraudulent Qua-
lification, &c.

hereof, he shall forfeit to any Candidate for whom such Vote shall not have been given, and who shall first sue for the same, the Sum of forty Pounds, to be recovered by him or them, his or their Executors or Administrators, together with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Wager of Law, Privilege or Imparance shall be admitted or allowed; and in every such Action the Proof shall lie on such Person against whom the same was brought, unless the Fact on which such Action is grounded be, the having polled more than once at the same Election.

No. 7.
19 George II.
c. 25.

The Proof
where to lie, &c.

V. And be it declared by the Authority aforesaid, That no Publick or Parliamentary Tax, Church or Parish Rate or Duty, or any other Tax, Rate or Assessment whatsoever, to be assessed or levied within such Cities or Towns, being Counties of themselves as aforesaid, is or shall be deemed or construed to be any Charge payable out of or in respect of any Freehold Estate within the Meaning and Intention of this Act, or of the Oath or solemn Affirmation herein before directed to be administered to and taken by every Freeholder, if required, as aforesaid.

Taxes not
within this Act.

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be sufficient for the Plaintiff, in any Action of Debt given by this Act, to set forth in the Declaration or Bill, that the Defendant is indebted to him in the Sum of _____ and to alledge the particular Offence for which the Action or Suit is brought, and that the Defendant hath acted contrary to this Act, without mentioning the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or the Return thereof; and it shall be sufficient in any Indictment or Information for any Offence committed contrary to this Act, to alledge the particular Offence charged upon the Defendant, and that the Defendant is guilty thereof, without mentioning the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or the Return thereof; and upon Trial of any Issue in any such Action, Suit, Indictment or Information, the Plaintiff, Prosecutor or Informer shall not be obliged to prove the Writ of Summons to Parliament, or the Return thereof, or any Warrant or Authority to the Sheriff or Sheriffs, grounded upon any such Writ of Summons.

Plaintiffs how
to proceed.

X. Provided always, That every Action, Suit, Indictment or Information given by this Act, shall be commenced within the Space of nine Calendar Months after the Fact upon which the same is grounded shall have been committed.

Suits to be com-
menced within
nine months.

XI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Statutes of Jeofails, and Amendments of the Law whatsoever, shall and may be construed to extend to all Proceedings in any Action, Suit, Indictment or Information given or allowed by this Act, or which shall be brought in pursuance thereof.

Statutes of Jeofails extended to
such Proceedings.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Plaintiff or Informer, in any Action, Suit, Indictment or Information given by this Act, shall pay treble Costs.

Plaintiff discon-
tinuing, &c.
shall pay treble
Costs.

No. 7. shall discontinue the same, or be nonsuited, or Judgment be
 19 George II. c. 28. otherwise given against him; then and in any of the said
 Cases, the Defendant against whom such Action, Suit or
 Information shall have been brought, shall recover his treble
 Costs.

Limitation of
 this Act.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any thing therein contained (other than and except such Clauses and Provisions as are by this Act made for or concerning allowing Cheque Books, or for or concerning Notice to be given of the Time and Place of Election, and proceeding to Election thereupon) shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to any City or Town, being a County of itself, or to any Person or Persons, where the Right of voting for any Member or Members of any such City or Town is for or in respect of Burgage Tenure, or where the Right of voting for such Member or Members, for or in respect of a Freehold, does not require the same to be of the yearly Value of forty Shillings.

No. 8.

No. 8. George III. c. 15.—An Act to prevent Occasional
 1 George III. c. 15. Freemen from Voting at Elections of Members to
 serve in Parliament for Cities and Boroughs.*

Preamble.

None to vote as
 Freemen, at
 Election of
 Members, but
 such as have
 been admitted
 to their Free-
 dom 12 Months
 before such
 Election, on
 Penalty of 100l.

‘WHEREAS great Abuses have been committed in making Freemen of Corporations, in order to influence Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, to the great Infringement of the Rights of Freemen of such Corporations, and of the Freedom of Elections:’ To prevent such Practices for the future; Be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, no Person whatsoever claiming as a Freeman (1.) to vote at any Election of Members to serve in Parliament for any City, Town, Port or Borough in *England, Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, where such Voter’s Right of voting is as a Freeman only, (2.) shall be admitted to give his Vote at such Election, unless such Person shall have been admitted to the Freedom of such City, Town, Port or Borough, twelve Calendar Months before the first Day of such Election: And if any Person shall presume to give his Vote as a Freeman at any

* Usually called the Durham Act.

(1.) A Person voting as a *Burgess* is within the Act; *Williams v. Evans*, 8 T. R. 246.

(2.) In an Action on this Statute it must be averred, that the Defendant had no other Right than as a Freeman: an Allegation that he claimed no other Right is not sufficient; *Daman v. Marrett*, 1 Taunt. 128.

Election of Members to serve in Parliament, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds to him, her or them who shall inform and sue for the same; and the Vote given by such Person shall be void and of no Effect.

George III.
c. 15.

II. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to any Person intitled to his Freedom by Birth, Marriage or Servitude, according to the Custom or Usage of such City, Town, Port or Borough.

Persons intitled to their Freedom by Birth, Marriage, or Servitude excepted.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Mayor, Bailiff, Sheriff, Town Clerk, or other Officer of any Corporation, or other Person whatsoever, shall wilfully and fraudulently antedate, or cause to be antedated, any Admission of any Freeman, such Mayor, Bailiff, Sheriff, Town Clerk, Officer, or other Person, shall for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of five hundred Pounds to him, her or them who shall inform and sue for the same.

Penalty of antedating the Admission of any Freeman 500l.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Mayor, Bailiff, Sheriff, Town Clerk, or other Officer of any Corporation, having the Custody of, or Power over the Records of the same, shall upon the Demand of any Candidate, or his Agent, or any two Freemen, on the Payment of one Shilling, permit such Candidate, Agent, or Freemen, between the Hours of nine in the Morning and three in the Afternoon, at any Time before, and within one Month after any such Election as aforesaid, to inspect the Books and Papers wherein the Admission of Freemen shall be entered; and to have Copies or Minutes of the Admission of so many Freemen as such Candidate, Agent, or Freemen shall think fit, upon paying to such Mayor, Bailiff, Sheriff, Town Clerk, or other Officer, a reasonable Charge for writing the same; and such Books and Papers shall, if demanded by such Candidate, Agent, or Freemen, be produced by such Mayor, Bailiff, Sheriff, Town Clerk, or other Officer, at every Election, and be referred to, in case any Dispute shall arise touching the Right of any Person to give his Vote thereat: And if such Mayor, Bailiff, Sheriff, Town Clerk, or other Officer, shall refuse or deny such Candidate, Agent or Freemen the Inspection of such Books and Papers, or to have Copies or Minutes thereof, or shall refuse or neglect to produce such Books and Papers at any Election, if demanded and paid in the Manner herein before set forth, such Mayor, Bailiff, Sheriff, Town Clerk, or other Officer, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds to him, her or them who shall inform and sue for the same.

The Books and Papers of Admission of Freemen to be open to Inspection upon Demand of a Candidate, his Agent, or two Freemen, upon Payment of 1s.

and Copies and Minutes of the Admissions to be given, paying reasonably for writing the same; and the Books, &c. to be produced, if demanded, at every Election, on Penalty of 100l.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Forfeitures or Penalties laid or imposed by this Act shall be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; wherein no Essoin, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed.

The Penalties may be recovered, with full Costs of Suit;

No. 9.
3 George III.
c. 15.
provided the
Prosecution be
commenced
within a Year,
This Act to be
openly read by
the Returning
Officer, at all
Elections by
Freemen, im-
mediately after
Act 2 Geo. 3. c.
24.

This Act not to
extend to Lon-
don or Nor-
wich.

VI. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be liable to any Forfeiture or Penalty by this Act laid or imposed, unless Prosecution be commenced within one Year after such Forfeiture or Penalty shall be incurred.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Returning Officer shall read or cause to be read openly this Act, at the Time of Election of Members to serve in Parliament for Cities, Towns, Ports, or Boroughs where the Right of Election is in the Whole, or in Part, in Freemen as aforesaid, immediately after the reading of the Act passed in the second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Elections of Members to serve in Parliament."

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to the Cities of *London* or *Norwich*.

No. 9.

22 George III. c. 41. — An Act for better securing the Freedom of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, by disabling certain Officers, employed in the Collection or Management of his Majesty's • Revenues, from giving their Votes at such Elections.

No. 9.
22 George III.
c. 41.
Preamble:

From Aug. 1,
1782, no Com-
missioner or Of-
ficer employed
in collecting or
managing the
Duties of Ex-
cise, Customs,
&c. shall have
any Vote in the
Election of
Members of
Parliament.

FOR the better securing the Freedom of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the • Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the first Day of *August*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, no Commissioner, Collector, Supervisor, Gauger, or other Officer or Person whatsoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Duties of Excise, or any Branch or Part thereof; nor any Commissioner, Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, or other Officer or Person whatsoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Customs, or any Branch or Part thereof; nor any Commissioner, Officer, or other Person concerned or employed in collecting, receiving, or managing, any of the Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, nor any Person appointed by the Commissioners for distributing of Stamps; nor any Commissioner, Officer, or other Person employed in collecting, levying, or managing, any of the Duties on Salt; nor any Surveyor, Collector, Comptroller, Inspector, Officer, or other Person employed in collecting, managing, or receiving, the Duties on Windows or Houses; nor any Postmaster,

Postmasters General, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, or any Person employed by or under him or them in receiving, collecting, or managing, the Revenue of the Post-office, or any Part thereof, nor any Captain, Master, or Mate, of any Ship, Packet, or other Vessel, employed by or under the Postmaster or Postmasters General in conveying the Mail to and from foreign Ports, shall be capable of giving his Vote for the Election of any Knight of the Shire, Commissioner, Citizen, Burgess, or Baron, to serve in Parliament for any County, Stewartry, City, Borough, or Cinque Port, or for choosing any Delegate in whom the Right of electing Members to serve in Parliament, for that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, is vested: And if any Person, hereby made incapable of voting as aforesaid, shall nevertheless presume to give his Vote, during the Time he shall hold, or within twelve Calendar Months after he shall cease to hold or execute any of the Offices aforesaid, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, such Votes so given shall be held null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and every Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof to be immediately paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the County, Riding, or Division, within which such Offence shall have been committed, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; and into the Hands of the Clerk of the Justices of the Peace of the Counties or Stewartries, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, to be applied and disposed of to such Purposes as the Justices at the next General Quarter Session of the Peace to be held for such County, Stewartry, Riding, or Division, shall think fit; to be recovered, by any Person that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in which no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed; or by summary Complaint before the Court of Session in *Scotland*; and the Person convicted on any such Suit shall thereby become disabled and incapable of ever bearing or executing any Office or Place of Trust whatsoever under his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors.

No. 9.
22 George III.
c. 41.

Penalty on Persons voting who are disqualified by this Act.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Person or Persons for or by reason of his or their being a Commissioner or Commissioners of the Land Tax, or for or by reason of his or their acting by or under the Appointment of such Commissioners of the Land Tax, for the Purpose of assessing, levying, collecting, receiving, or managing the Land Tax, or any other Rates or Duties already granted or imposed, on which shall hereafter be granted or imposed, by Authority of Parliament.

Not to extend to Commissioners of the Land Tax, or Persons acting under them;

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Office now held, or usually granted to be held, by Letters Patent for any Estate of Inheritance or Freehold.

nor to Offices held by Letters Patent for any Estate of Inheritance;

No. 9.
22 George III.
c. 41.
nor to Persons
who shall re-
sign their Offi-
ces before Aug.
- 1782.
Limitation of
Actions.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend to any Person who shall resign his Office or Employment on or before the said first Day of *August*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

V. Provided also, and be it enacted, That no Person shall be liable to any Forfeiture or Penalty by this Act laid or imposed, unless Prosecution be commenced within twelve Months after such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be incurred.

No. 10.

43 George III. c. 118.—An Act for better securing the Independence and Purity of Parliament, by preventing the procuring or obtaining of Seats in Parliament by corrupt Practices.—[19th. June 1809.]

No. 10.
49 George III.
c. 118.

2 G. 2. c. 24.

Penalties on
Persons giving
or receiving
Money, &c. on
any Engage-
ment to procure
or endeavour to
procure the
Election or
Return of a
Member in
Parliament, viz.
on the Party
giving, if not
returned as a
Member,
4s. cool. ;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further Provision for preventing corrupt Practices in the procuring of Elections and Returns of Members to sit in the House of Commons: And Whereas the giving, or procuring to be given, or promising to give or to procure to be given any Sum of Money, Gift, or Reward, or any Office, Place, Employment, or Gratuity, in order to procure the Return of any Member to serve in Parliament, if not given to or for the Use of some Person having a Right or claiming to have a Right to act as Returning Officer, or to vote at such Election, is not Bribery within the Meaning of an Act passed in the second Year of King George the Second, intituled, “ An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament,” but such Gifts or Promises are contrary to the ancient Usage, Right, and Freedom of Elections, and contrary to the Laws and Constitution of this Realm; Be it declared and enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, either by himself, herself, or themselves, or by any other Person or Persons for or in his, her, or their Behalf, give or cause to be given, directly or indirectly, or promise or agree to give any Sum of Money, Gift, or Reward, to any Person or Persons, upon any Engagement, Contract, or Agreement, that such Person or Persons to whom, to whose Use, or on whose Behalf such Gift or Promise shall be made, shall, by himself, herself, or themselves, or by any other Person or Persons whatsoever at his, her, or their Solicitation, Request or Command, procure or endeavour to procure the Return of any Person to serve in Parliament for any County, Stewartry, City, Town, Borough, Cinque Port, or Place,

every Person so having given or promised to give, if not returned himself to Parliament for such County, Stewartry, City, Town, Borough, Cinque Port, or Place, shall for every such Gift or Promise forfeit the Sum of one thousand Pounds, to be recovered in such Manner as is hereinafter provided, with respect to the Sum of five hundred Pounds; and every such Person so returned and so having given or so having promised to give, or knowing of and consenting to such Gifts or Promises, upon any such Engagement, Contract, or Agreement, shall be and is hereby declared and enacted to be disabled and incapacitated to serve in that Parliament for such County, Stewartry, City, Town, Borough, Cinque Port, or Place, and that such Person shall be deemed and taken, and is hereby declared and enacted to be deemed and taken to be no Member of Parliament, and enacted to be, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as if he had never been returned or elected a Member in Parliament; and any Person or Persons who shall receive or accept of, by himself, herself, or themselves, or by any other Person or Persons in trust for or to the Use or on the Behalf of him, her, or them, any such Sum of Money, Gift, or Reward, or any such Promise upon any such Engagement, Contract, or Agreement, shall forfeit to his Majesty the Value and Amount of such Sum of Money, Gift, or Reward, over and above the Sum of five hundred Pounds, which said Sum of five hundred Pounds he, she, or they shall forfeit to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered with such Costs of Suit by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, if the Offence be committed in that Part of the United Kingdom called *England and Wales*, and in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Dublin*, if the Offence be committed in *Ireland*, wherein respectively no Essoign or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed; and if the Offence be committed in *Scotland*, then to be recovered with full Costs of Suit by summary Action or Complaint before the Court of Session, or by Prosecution before the Court of Judiciary there.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Money paid or agreed to be paid to or by any Person, for any legal Expence *bona fide* incurred at or concerning any Election.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, by himself, herself, or themselves, or by any other Person or Persons for or on his, her, or their Behalf, give or procure to be given, or promise to give or procure to be given, any Office, Place, or Employment, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, upon any express Contract or Agreement that such Person or Persons, to whom or to whose Use or on whose Behalf such Gift or Promise shall be made, shall by himself, herself, or themselves, or by any other Person or Persons at his, her, or their Solicitation, Request, or Command, procure, or endeavour

No. 10.
George III.
c. 118.

on the Party
giving, or privy,
if returned
Member, For-
feiture of his
Seat;

on the Party
receiving, For-
feiture of Mon-
ney received,
and sool.

Exception as to
legal Expences.

Penalties on
Persons giving
or promising to
give, or receiv-
ing any Office,
&c on express
Contract to pro-
cure a Seat in
Parliament,
viz. on the
Member return-
ed, Loss of
Seat; on Re-
ceiver of the
Office, For-

No. 10.
49 George III.
c. 118.
Forfeiture, Incapacity, and
500l.; and on
Giver of the
Office, 1000l.

vour to procure the Return of any Person to serve in Parliament for any County, Stewartry, City, Town, Borough, Cinque Port, or Place, such Person so returned, and so having given or procured to be given, or so having promised to give or procure to be given, or knowing of and consenting to such Gift or Promise upon any such express Contract or Agreement, shall be and is hereby declared and enacted to be disabled and incapacitated to serve in that Parliament for such County, Stewartry, City, Town, Borough, Cinque Port, or Place, and that such Person shall be deemed and taken, and is hereby declared and enacted to be deemed and taken to be no Member of Parliament, and enacted to be to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes as if he had never been returned or elected a Member in Parliament; and any Person who shall receive or accept of, by himself, herself, or themselves, or by any other Person or Persons in trust for or to the Use or on the Behalf of such Persons, any such Office, Place, or Employment, upon such express Contract or Agreement, shall forfeit such Office, Place, or Employment, and be incapacitated for holding the same, and shall forfeit the Sum of five hundred Pounds, which said Sum of five hundred Pounds shall be recovered as is herein before enacted; and any Person holding any Office under his Majesty, who shall give such Office, Appointment, or Place, upon any such express Contract or Agreement, that the Person to whom or for whose Use such Office, Appointment, or Place shall have been given, shall so procure or endeavour to procure the Return of any Person to serve in Parliament, shall forfeit the Sum of one thousand Pounds, to be recovered in such Manner as is herein before provided.

Limitation of
Actions.

Two Years.

IV. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be made liable to any Forfeiture or Penalty by this Act created or imposed, unless some Prosecution, Action, or Suit, for the Offence committed, shall be actually and legally commenced against such Person within the Space of two Years next after such Offence against this Act shall be committed, and unless such Person shall be actually and legally arrested, summoned, or otherwise served with any original or other Writ or Process within the same Space of Time, so as such Arrest, Summons, or Service of any original or other Writ or Process shall not be prevented by such Person absconding or withdrawing out of the Jurisdiction of the Court out of which such original or other Writ or Process shall have issued; and in case of any such Prosecution, Suit, or Process as aforesaid, the same shall be proceeded in and carried on without any wilful Delay; and that all Statutes of Jeofails and Amendments of the Law whatever shall and may be construed to extend to all Proceedings in any such Prosecution, Action, or Suit.

PART V. CLASS XXI.

LIBELS, SCANDALUM MAGNATUM, &c.

No. 1.

3 Edward I. c. 34.—None shall report slanderous News, whereby Discord may arise.

Cotton MS.

PURCEO qe plusours ount sovent trove en counte controveures, dont discorde ou manere de discord ad ad este sovent entre le Roi & son people, ou ascuns hautes hommes de son roialme; est defendu pur le damage qe ad este, & unqore en purreit avenir, que desore en avant nul ne soit si hardy de dire, ne de counter nul faux novel, ou controveure, deunt nul discorde, ou manere de discord, ou desclandre, puisse surdre entre le Roi & son poeple, ou les autres hommes de son roialme; & qi le fra, soit pris & detenuz en prisone, jesques a taunt qil eit trove en Court celuy, dount le poeple [*la parole*] serra move.

“**F**ORASMUCH as there have been oftentimes found in the Country Divisors of Tales, whereby Discord, or Occasion of Discord, hath many times arisen between the King and his People, or great Men of this Realm;” “For the Damage that hath and may thereof ensue, it is commanded, That from and henceforth none be so hardy to tell or publish any false News or Tales, whereby Discord, or Occasion of Discord or Slander may grow between the King and his People, or the great men of the Realm; and he that doth so, shall be taken and kept in Prison, until he hath brought him into the Court, which was the first Author of the Tale.”

No. 1.
3 Edward I.
c. 34.

No

2 Richard II. c. 5. — The Penalty for telling slanderous
Lyes of the Great Men of the Realm.

Ex Rot. in Turr: Lond.

No. 2.
2 Richard II.
c. 5.

ITEM, Of Devisors of
" false News and of hor-
" rible and false Lyes, of Pre-
" lates, Dukes, Earls, Ba-
" rons, and other Nobles and
" Great Men of the Realm,
" and also of the Chancellor,
" Treasurer, Clerk of the
" Privy Seal, Steward of the
" King's House, Justices of
" the one Bench or of the
" other, and of other Great
" Officers of the Realm, of
" Things which by the said
" Prelates, Lords, Nobles,
" and Officers aforesaid were
" never spoken, done, nor
" thought, in great Slander of
" the said Prelates, Lords, No-
" bles, and Officers, whereby
" Debates and Discords might
" arise betwixt the said Lords,
" or between the Lords and
" the Commons (which God
" forbid) and whereof great
" Peril and Mischief might
" come to all the Realm, and
" quick Subversion and De-
" struction of the said Realm,
" if due Remedy be not
" provided: " It is straitly
" defended upon grievous
" Pain, for to eschew the said
" Damages and Perils, that
" from henceforth none be so
" hardy to devise, speak, or
" to tell any false News, Lyes,
" or other such false Things, of
" Prelates, Lords, and of other
" aforesaid, whereof Discord
" or any Slander might rise
" within the same Realm;
" and he that doth the same
" shall incur and have the Pain
" another Time ordained there-
" of by the Statute of West-

ITEM de controours de
faux novel & countours
des horribles & fauxes men-
songes des Prelatz Ducs
Countes Barons & autres no-
bles & grantz de Roialme &
auxint del Chaunceller Tresor-
er Clerk de prive seal Senes-
chal del Hostel nostre Seignur
le Roi Justices del un Bank &
del autre & dautres grants
officers du Roialme des choses
qe par les ditz Prelatz Seig-
nurs & officers ne furent unques
parlez touchez ou pensez en
grant esclaundre des Prelatz
Seignurs nobles & officers
avantditz par ont debat &
discordes purroient sourdre
parentre les ditz Seignurs ou
parentre les Seignurs & com-
munes qe Dieu ne veulle &
dont grant peril & meschief
purroit avenir a tout le Roial-
me & legerement subversion
& destruction del Roialme
avantdit si due remede ny
fuisse mys est defenduz es-
troitement & sur grief peine
pur eschuer les damages &
perils avantditz qe desore nul
soit si hardi de controver dire
ou counter ascune fauxe no-
velle mensonge ou autre tiel
fauxe chose des Prelatz Seig-
nurs & les autres desusditz
dont descord ou esclaundre
aucune puisse sourdre deinz
mesme le Roialme & qi le fra-
it & encourage la paine
autrefoitz ent ordenez par
estatut de Westm' primer qe
voet qil soit pris & emprisonnez
jeques a tant qil eit trevez cel-
luy dont la parole serra mo-
vez.

“minster the First, which will,
 “that he be taken and imprisoned
 “till he have found him
 “of whom the Word was moved.”

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

No. 3.

12 Richard II. c. 11.—The Punishment of him that telleth Lies of the Peers or great Officers of the Realm.

ITEM come contenuz soit sibien en lestatut de Westm’ primer come en lestatut fait a Glouc’ lan du regne nostre Seignur le Roi qore est second qe null soit si hardy de controver dire ou conter ascune faux novell mensonge ou autre tiel fauve chose des Prelatz Ducs Counts Barons et autres nobles et grantz du Roialme et auxint da Chancellor Tresorer Clerc du prive seal seneschall del Hostel nostre Seignur le Roi Justices de lun bank et de lautre et dautres grantz officers du Roialme et qi le fra soit pris et emprisones jesques autant qil eit trove celuy dont la parole serra moevee accordez est et assentuz en cest parlement qe qant ascun tiel soit pris et emprisonnez et ne poet trover celuy dont le parole serra moevee come devant est dit qil soit puniz par advys du conseil nient contresteant les estatutz avantditz.

ITEM, Whereas it is contained, as well in the Statute of *Westminster* the first, as in the Statute made at *Gloucester*, the second Year of the Reign of our Lord the King that now is, that none be so hardy to invent, to say, or to tell any false News, Lies, or such other false Things, of the Prelates, Dukes, Earls, Barons, and other Nobles and great Men of the Realm, and also of the Chancellor, Treasurer, Clerk of the Privy Seal, and Steward of the King’s House, the Justice of the one Bench or of the other, and other great Officers of the Realm, and he that doth so shall be taken and imprisoned, till he hath found him of whom the Speech shall be moved;” It is accorded and agreed in this Parliament, That when any such is taken and imprisoned, and cannot find him by whom the Speech be moved, as before is said, that he be punished by the Advice of the Council, notwithstanding the said Statutes.”

No. 3.
 12 Richard II.
 c. 11.

No. 4.

1 and 2 Philip and Mary, c. 3.—A Confirmation of the Stat. of 3 Ed. 1. c. 34, and 2 R. 2. Stat. 1. c. 5. touching telling of News. Justices of Peace in every Shire, City, &c. shall have Authority to hear and determine the said Offences, and to put the said two Statutes in Execution. If any Person shall be convicted or attainted for speaking maliciously of his own Imagination, any false, seditious and slanderous News, Saying, or Tales, of the King or Queen, then he shall for his first Offence be set on the Pillory in some Market-place near where the Words were spoken, and have both his Ears cut off, unless he pay to the Queen an hundred Pound within one Month after Judgment given, and also shall be three Months imprisoned: And if he shall speak any such slanderous and seditious News or Tales of the Speaking or Report of any other, then he shall be set on the Pillory, and have one of his Ears cut off, unless he pay an hundred Marks to the Queen's Use within one Month after, and shall be one Month imprisoned: And if he shall do it by Book, Rhyme, Ballad, Letter or Writing, he shall have his right Hand stricken off. And if any Person being once convicted of any of the Offences aforesaid, do afterwards offend, he shall be imprisoned during his Life, and forfeit all his Goods and Chattels. EXP. 4 & 5 Ph. & M. c. 9. 1 Eliz. c. 6.

No. 5.

13 and 14 Charles II. c. 33.—An Act for preventing the frequent Abuses in printing seditious, treasonable, and unlicensed Books and Pamphlets, and for regulating of Printing and Printing Presses.

[See 4 Bl. Com. 152. n.]

No. 6.

P. 1 James II. c. 17.—An Act for reviving and Continuance of several Acts of Parliament therein mentioned.

No. 6. **XV.** **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, r James II. c. 17. That one other Act made in the thirteenth and fourteenth Years of his said late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for preventing the frequent Abuses in printing seditious, treasonable, and unlicensed Books and Pamphlets, and for regulating of Printing and Printing Presses," and every Clause, Article, and Thing therein contained, be revived and continue in Force from the four and twentieth Day of *June*, in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty-five, for the Space of seven Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament.

13 & 14 Car. 2.
c. 33, the Press,
for seven Years.

No. 7.

4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 24.—An Act for reviving, continuing, and explaining several Laws therein mentioned, which are expired and near expiring.

[The licensing Act, 13 and 14 Car. II. further continued for one Year ;

No. 8.

32 George III. c. 60.—An Act to remove Doubts respecting the Functions of Juries in Cases of Libel.

WHEREAS Doubts have arisen whether on the Trial of an Indictment or Information for the making or publishing any Libel, where an Issue or Issues are joined between the King and the Defendant or Defendants, on the Plea of Not Guilty pleaded, it be competent to the Jury impanelled to try the same to give their Verdict upon the whole Matter in Issue: Be it therefore declared and enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, on every such Trial, the Jury sworn to try the Issue may give a general Verdict of Guilty or Not Guilty upon the whole Matter put in Issue upon such Indictment or Information; and shall not be required or directed, by the Court or Judge before whom such Indictment or Information shall be tried, to find the Defendant or Defendants Guilty, merely on the Proof of the Publication by such Defendant or Defendants of the Paper charged to be a Libel, and of the Sense ascribed to the same in such Indictment or Information.

No. 8.
32 George III.
c. 60.
Preamble.

On the Trial of an Indictment for a Libel, the Jury may give a general Verdict upon the whole Matter put in Issue, and shall not be required by the Court to find the Defendant guilty merely on Proof of the Publication, and of the Sense ascribed to it in the Information.

II. Provided always, That, on every such Trial, the Court or Judge before whom such Indictment or Information shall be tried, shall, according to their or his Discretion, give their or his Opinion and Directions to the Jury on the Matter in Issue between the King and the Defendant or Defendants, in like Manner as in other Criminal Cases.

But the Court shall give their Opinion and Directions on the Matter in Issue, as in other Criminal Cases.

III. Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the Jury from finding a Special Verdict, in their Discretion, as in other Criminal Cases.

Jury may find a Special Verdict.

IV. Provided also, That in case the Jury shall find the Defendant or Defendants Guilty, it shall and may be lawful for the said Defendant or Defendants to move in Arrest of Judgment, on such Ground and in such Manner as by Law he or they might have done before the passing of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Defendants may move in Arrest of Judgment, as before passing this Act.

No. 9.

- p.** 38 George III. c. 78.—An Act for preventing the Mischiefs arising from the printing and publishing Newspapers, and Papers of a like Nature, by Persons not known; and for regulating the Printing and Publication of such Papers in other Respects.—[28th. June 1798.]

[I. After 40 Days from the passing this Act, no Person to print or publish a Newspaper until an Affidavit be delivered at the Stamp Office.]

[II. Affidavit to specify the Names and Abode of the Printer, Publisher, and of the Proprietors, if they do not exceed two, exclusive of the Printer and Publisher, and if they do, then of two Proprietors, and their proportional Shares, and the Description of the Printing House, and Title of the Paper.]

[III. Where the Proprietors exceed two, the Names of two of the greatest Proprietors, exclusive of the Printer and Publisher, to be specified in the Affidavit.]

[IV. Affidavit to be made as often as the Printers, Publishers, or Proprietors, named therein, or their respective Abodes, shall be changed, &c. or as often as the Commissioners for Stamps shall require.]

[V. Affidavit to be signed by the Parties, and taken by a Commissioner or Officer specially appointed.]

[VI. Where the Printers, Publishers, and Proprietors, required to be named in the Affidavit, do not exceed four, the Whole to swear; and where they do exceed that Number, four to swear to certain Particulars, and to give Notice to the Parties not swearing, on Penalty of 50l. each.]

[VII. Penalty of 100l. for printing, publishing, or vending a Newspaper without such Affidavit having been signed, &c.]

[VIII. Persons making false or imperfect Affidavits, liable to the Penalties for Perjury.]

No. 9.
38 George III.
c. 78.

Affidavits to be filed, and they, or certified Copies, to be admitted in all Proceedings, civil or criminal, as Evidence of the Truth of their Contents, against the Persons swearing, and all mentioned therein, unless proved to the contrary:

But if any Person shall have

IX. **A**ND be it further enacted, That all such Affidavits and Affirmations as aforesaid shall be filed and kept in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct, and the same, or Copies thereof certified to be true Copies, as herein-after is mentioned, shall respectively, in all Proceedings, civil and criminal, touching any Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, which shall be mentioned in any such Affidavits or Affirmations, or touching any Publication, Matter, or Thing contained in any such Newspaper or other Paper, be received and admitted as conclusive Evidence of the Truth of all such Matters set forth in such Affidavits or Affirmations as are hereby required to be therein set forth, against every Person who shall have signed and sworn or affirmed such Affidavits or Affirmations, and shall also be received and admitted, in like Manner, as sufficient Evidence of the Truth of all such Matters against all and every Person who shall not have signed or sworn or affirmed the same, but who shall be therein mentioned to be a Proprietor, Printer, or Publisher of such Newspaper or other Paper, unless the contrary shall be satisfactorily proved: Provided always, That if any such Person or Persons respectively, against whom any such Affidavit or Affirmation, or any

Copy thereof, shall be offered in Evidence, shall prove that he, she, or they hath or have signed, sworn or affirmed, and delivered to the said Commissioners or such Officer as aforesaid, previous to the Day of the Date or Publication of the Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, to which the Proceedings, civil or criminal, shall relate, an Affidavit or Affirmation that he, she, or they hath or have ceased to be the Printer or Printers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Publisher or Publishers of such Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, such Person or Persons shall not be deemed, by reason of any former Affidavit or Affirmation so delivered as aforesaid, to have been the Printer or Printers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Publisher or Publishers, of such Paper, after the Day on which such last-mentioned Affidavit or Affirmation shall have been delivered to the said Commissioners, or their Officer as aforesaid.

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delivered, previous to the Publication of the Paper to which the Proceedings relate, an Affidavit that he has ceased to be Printer, &c. he shall not be so deemed after such Delivery.

X. And be it further enacted, That in some Part of every Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, there shall be printed the true and real Name and Names, Addition and Additions, and Place and Places of the Abode of the Printer and Printers, and Publisher and Publishers of the same, and also a true Description of the Place where the same is printed; and in case any Person or Persons shall knowingly and wilfully print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any such Newspaper or other Paper as aforesaid, not containing the Particulars aforesaid, and every of them, every such Person shall forfeit and lose the Sum of one hundred Pounds; and that Proof made in Manner herein mentioned, in any Proceeding to recover the same, that the Party proceeded against is a Printer or Publisher of a Newspaper or other such Paper so printed or published as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be Proof that such Party is a Person wilfully and knowingly printing or publishing, or causing the same to be printed or published, unless he shall satisfactorily prove the contrary thereof.

In Newspapers there shall be printed the Names and Abode of Printers and Publishers, on Penalty of 100*l*.;

and Proof, in Manner herein mentioned, that the Party is the Printer, &c. shall be sufficient, unless proved to the contrary.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be necessary, after any such Affidavit or Affirmation, or a certified Copy thereof, shall have been produced in Evidence as aforesaid against the Persons who signed and made such Affidavit, or are therein named, according to this Act, or any of them, and after a Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, shall be produced in Evidence, intituled in the same Manner as the Newspaper or other Paper mentioned in such Affidavit or Copy is intituled, and wherein the Name or Names of the Printer and Publisher, or Printers and Publishers, and the Place of printing, shall be the same as the Name or Names of the Printer and Publisher, or Printers and Publishers, and the Place of printing mentioned in such Affidavit or Affirmation, for the Plaintiff, Informant, or Prosecutor, or Person seeking to recover any of the Penalties given by this Act, to prove that the Newspaper, or Paper to which such Trial relates, was purchased at any House, Shop, or Office, belonging to or occu-

After Production of the Affidavit, or Copy, and a Paper intituled as therein mentioned, &c. it shall not be necessary for a Prosecutor for Penalties under this Act to prove the Purchase of the Paper.

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piced by the Defendant or Defendants, or any of them, or by his or their Servants or Workmen, or where he or they, by themselves or their Servants or Workmen, usually carry on the Business of printing or publishing such Paper, or where the same is usually sold.

Service at the
 Printing House
 mentioned in
 Affidavit, to be
 deemed sufficient
 Notice to
 all Persons
 named therein:

XII. And be it further enacted, That Service at the House or Place mentioned in such Affidavit or Affirmation as aforesaid, as the House or Place at which such Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, to which any Proceedings, civil or criminal, shall relate, is printed or published, or intended so to be, of any legal Notice, Summons, Subpoena, Rule, Order, or Process, of what Nature whatsoever, or to enforce an Appearance in any Suit, Prosecution, or Proceeding, civil or criminal, against any Printer, Publisher, or Proprietor of any such Newspaper or other Paper, shall be deemed and taken to be good and sufficient Service thereof respectively, against all Persons named in such Affidavit or Affirmation as the Proprietor or Proprietors, Publisher or Publishers, or Printer or Printers of the Newspaper or other Paper mentioned in such Affidavit or Affirmation: Provided always, That if any such Person or Persons respectively as aforesaid shall have signed, sworn, or affirmed, and delivered to the said Commissioners, or such Officer as aforesaid, previous to the Day of the Date or Publication of the Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, to which the Proceeding in Court shall relate, an Affidavit or Affirmation that he or they have ceased to be the Printer or Printers, Proprietor or Proprietors, Publisher or Publishers of such Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, and shall make Proof thereof, such Person or Persons shall not be deemed, by reason of any former Affidavit or Affirmation so delivered as aforesaid, to have been the Proprietor or Proprietors, Printer or Printers, Publisher or Publishers of such Paper, after the Day on which such last-mentioned Affidavit or Affirmation shall have been delivered to the said Commissioners, or such other Officer as aforesaid.

Certified Copies
 of Affidavits to
 be delivered on
 Payment of 1s.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners or Officers by whom such Affidavits or Affirmations shall be kept, according to the Directions of this Act, shall, and they are hereby required, upon Application made to them by any Person or Persons requiring a Copy certified according to this Act, of any such Affidavit or Affirmation as aforesaid, in order that the same may be produced in any civil or criminal Proceedings, to deliver to the Person so applying for the same such certified Copy, he or they paying for the same the Sum of one Shilling and no more.

Copies of Affidavits
 certified by the
 Commissioners or
 Officers in whose
 Custody they shall be,
 to be sufficient
 Evidence:

XIV. And whereas in many Cases it may be productive of public Inconvenience to require that the Commissioners or Officers before whom such Affidavits or Affirmations, as are hereinbefore mentioned, are made, should be required personally to attend, in order to prove, upon the Trial of any Action, Prosecution, Suit, Indictment, Information, or in any other Proceeding, that the Parties signing, swearing, or

'affirming, and delivering such Affidavit or Affidavits, No. 9.
'Affirmation or Affirmations, did swear or affirm the same 38 George III:
'in the Presence of, and did deliver the same to such c. 78.
'Commissioners and Officers, before and to whom the same
'shall have been sworn, affirmed, or delivered respectively;
Be it enacted, That in all Cases a Copy of any such Affidavit
or Affirmation, certified to be a true Copy under the Hand or
Hands of one or more of the Commissioners or Officers in
whose Possession the same shall be, shall, upon Proof made
that such Certificates have been signed with the Hand Writ-
ing of the Person or Persons making the same, and whom it
shall not be necessary to prove to be a Commissioner or Com-
missioners, or Officer or Officers, be received in Evidence as
sufficient Proof of such Affidavit or Affirmation, and that the
same was duly sworn or affirmed, and of the Contents thereof;
and such Copies, so produced and certified, shall also be
received as Evidence that the Affidavit or Affirmation, of
which they purport to be Copies, have been sworn or affirmed
according to this Act, and shall have the same Effect, for the
Purposes of Evidence, to all Intents whatsoever, as if the origi-
nal Affidavits or Affirmations, of which the Copies so produced
and certified shall purport to be Copies, had been produced in
Evidence, and been proved to have been duly so certified,
sworn, and affirmed, by the Person or Persons appearing by
such Copy to have sworn or affirmed the same as aforesaid.

[XV. Penalty of 100l. on unauthorized Persons giving Certificates.]

[XVI. Penalty of 100l. for falsly certifying that Affidavits were
sworn to, or that false Copies are true, &c.]

[XVII. After July 1, 1798, a Copy of every Newspaper to be de-
livered within six Days of its Publication to the Commissioners of Stamps,
or their Officer, on Penalty of 100l. the Paper to be paid for by the Com-
missioners, and may, within two Years after Publication, be produced as
Evidence in any Proceeding, civil or criminal.]

[XVIII. Penalty of 20l. for printing or publishing Newspapers not
duly stamped.]

[XIX. Penalty of 20l. for having a Newspaper not duly stamped.]

[XX. Penalty of 100l. for sending or procuring Newspapers not
duly stamped to be sent out of Great Britain.]

[XXI. Penalty of 500l. for sending, or procuring to be sent, during
the War, Newspapers, stamped or unstamped, to any Country not in
Amity with his Majesty.]

[XXII. On Oath that any Person has a Newspaper intended to be
sent to any Country not in Amity with his Majesty, a Justice may summon
and examine the Party.—Penalty for not answering lawful Questions, 50l.—
Papers to be forfeited.]

[XXIII. The Names and Abode of Proprietors out of Great Britain
to be specified in Affidavit.]

XXIV. 'And whereas Matters tending to excite Hatred
'and Contempt of the Person of his Majesty, and of the
'Constitution and Government established in these Kingdoms,
'are frequently published in Newspapers, or other Papers,
'under Colour of having been copied from Foreign News-
'papers, or other Papers of a like Nature; be it enacted, Penalty for
printing or pub-
lishing any se-
ditionous Matter
under Colour of
having been
printed in a
Foreign Paper,

No. 9.
38 George III.
c. 78.

from 6 to 12
Months' Imprisonment, and
other Punishment, as for a
Misdemeanor.

Proof of its
having been so
previously
printed to lie on
the Defendant.

If such Proof be
made, the Pub-
lication to be
deemed of the
same Nature as
it would have
been before this
Act.

Recovery and
Application of
Penalties.

That if any Person shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, in any Newspaper, or other such Paper as aforesaid, that shall be printed or published in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, any Matter or Thing having such Tendency as aforesaid, as having been previously printed or published in some Foreign Paper or Print, which hath not been previously so printed or published, such Person shall, being lawfully convicted thereof, be committed to Prison for any Time not exceeding twelve nor less than six Months, and shall be liable to such other Punishment as may by Law be inflicted in Cases of high Misdemeanors; and in every Proceeding against any Person in respect of his having so printed or published as aforesaid any such Matter or Thing as aforesaid, it shall be incumbent upon the Person against whom the Proceeding shall be, to make Proof that the same had been previously printed and published in some Foreign Paper or Print; and in case he shall fail so to do, the same shall be deemed and taken not to have been so previously printed and published.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if such Proof shall be made, the Publication respecting which such Proceeding shall be had shall nevertheless be deemed and taken to be of such Nature in the Law as the same would have been deemed and taken to be if this Act had not been made.

[XXVI. After forty Days after passing this Act, none but Commissioners of Stamps, or their Officer, to supply Paper stamped for printing Newspapers, until the Person so supplying has given Security to deliver, once in six Weeks, an Account of the Quantities and Kind sold, &c. on Penalty of 100l.]

[XXVII. Persons concerned in printing or publishing Newspapers not legally stamped, to be Debtors to his Majesty in the Sum that would have accrued if duly stamped, &c.]

[XXVIII. To Bills for the Discovery of Proprietors, Printers, Editors, or Publishers of Newspapers, the Defendants shall not demur; but shall make the Discovery required.]

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, which shall exceed the Sum of twenty Pounds, shall (except where this Act hath otherwise directed) be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or the Courts of Great Session in the Principality of *Wales*, or the Courts of the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Lancaster*, and *Durham*, or in the Court of Session or Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, (as the Case shall require,) wherein no Exsoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Impar lance shall be allowed; and that all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, by this Act imposed, which shall not exceed the Sum of twenty Pounds, shall, on Proof upon Oath of the Offence before any Justice of the Peace of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of

such Justice, rendering the Overplus, if any, on Demand, after deducting the Charges of such Distress and Sale, to the Person whose Goods and Chattels have been so distrained and sold; and for Want of sufficient Distress, such Justice is hereby required, in all Cases where no particular Time of Commitment is hereinbefore directed, to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place, where the Offence shall have been committed, for any Time not exceeding three Months; and the Money arising by all such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, when recovered, shall be, as to one Moiety thereof, to and for the Use of our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and as to the other Moiety thereof, to and for the Use of such Person who shall inform or sue for the same, except in such Cases in which the Application thereof is otherwise directed by this Act.

No. 9.
38 George III.
c. 78.

[XXX. No Order or Conviction of a Justice to be removed into any Court or the Execution superseded.]

[XXXI. Act to extend to Scotland in certain Cases only.]

[XXXII. Act may be repealed or altered this Session.]

PART V. CLASS XXII.

 NUISANCES.

No. 1.

9 Henry III. (Magna Charta) c. 23.—In what Places Wears shall be put down.

No. 2.

25 Edward III. stat. 4. c. 4.—New Wears shall be pulled down, and not repaired.

No. 3.

45 Edward III. c. 2.—The Penalty of him that setteth up or enhanceth Wears.

No. 4.

12 Richard II. c. 13.—The Punishment of them which cause Corruption near a City or great Town to corrupt the Air.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

No. 4.
12 Richard II.
c. 13.

“ITEM, For that so much
“Dung and Filth of the
“Garbage and Intrails as well
“of Beasts killed, as of other
“Corruptions, be cast and put
“in Ditches, Rivers, and
“other Waters, and also with-
“in many other Places, with-
“in, about, and nigh unto
“divers Cities, Boroughs, and
“Towns of the Realm, and
“the Suburbs of them, that
“the Air there is greatly cor-
“rupt and infect, and many

ITEM pur ce qe tantz des
lymes & autres ordures
des issues & entrailles sibien
des bestes tuez come des autres
corruptions sont gettez & mys
en fosses ryvers & autres ewes
& auxint plusours autres lieux
dedeinz en tour & pres diver-
ses citees burghs & villes du
Roialme & les suburbs dicel-
les qe laire illœques est grand-
ment corrupt & enfect & plu-
sours maladies & autres dis-
eases nient suffrables aveignent

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

de jour en autre sibien a les inhabitantz & conversantz es dites citees burghs villes et suburbes come as autres illoques repairantz & passantz a tresgrant anusance damage & peril des inhabitantz conversantz repairantz & passantz susditz Accordez est & assentuz qe proclamation soit faite sibien en la Citee de Londres come en autres citees burghs & villes parmy le Roialme ou il busoigne sibien deinz franchises come dehors qe toutz ceux qe tielx anusances fymes issues entrailles & autres ordures ont gettez & mys en fosses ryvers ewes & autres lieux susdites les facent outrement remuer ouster & emporter parentre cy & le fest de seint Michel prochain avenir apres le fyn de cest parlement chescun sur peyne de vynt livres appaiers au Roy & qe les meirs & baillifs de chescun tiel citee burgh & ville & auxint les baillifs des franchises les compellent de ce faire sur semblable peyne. Et si ascun soy sent greve qe ce ne soit parfaite en manere susdite & soy voent pleindre al Chancellor apres le dit feste de seint Michel eit brief de faire venir celui de qi il voent ensy pleindre en la Chancelarie a y monstrier pur qoy la dite peyne ne serra leve de luy & sil ne se poet ent duement excuser soit meisme la peyne leve de luy. Et enoutre soit proclamation taite sibien en la dite Citee de Londres come en autres citees burghs & villes come deus qe null de quel condition qil soit ne face mettre ou gettre desore en avant tieles anoesances issues fymes entrailles &

"Maladies and other intolerable Diseases do daily happen, as well to the Inhabitants, and those that are conversant in the said Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Suburbs, as to other repairing and travelling thither, to the great Annoyance, Damage, and Peril of the Inhabitants, Dwellers, Repairers, and Travellers aforesaid;" "it is accorded and assented, That Proclamation be made as well in the City of London, as in other Cities, Boroughs, and Towns, through the Realm of England, where it shall be needful, as well without in Franchises as without, that all they which do cast and lay all such Annoyances, Dung, Garbages, Intraills, and other Ordure in Ditches, Rivers, Waters, and other Places aforesaid, shall cause them utterly to be removed, avoided, and carried away betwixt this and the Feast of St. Michael next ensuing after the end of this present Parliament, every one upon pain to lose and to forfeit to our Lord the King xx li. And that the Mayors and Bailiffs of every such City, Borough or Town, and also the Bailiffs of Franchises, shall compel the same to be done upon like Pain. And if any feel himself grieved, that it be not done in the Manner aforesaid, and will thereupon complain him to the Chancellor after the said Feast of St. Michael, he shall have a Writ to make him of whom he will so complain to come into the Chancery, there to shew why the said Penalty should not levied of him, and if he cannot

No. 1.
Richard II.
c. 13.

Chief Officers
of Towns shall
compel Offenders
to redress
their Annoyances.

No. 4.
12 Richard II.
c. 13.

‘duly excuse himself, the said
‘Penalty shall be levied on
‘him. And moreover Pro-
‘clamation shall be made, as
‘well in the said City of Lon-
‘don, as in other Cities, Bo-
‘roughs and Towns, as afore-
‘that none, of what Condi-
‘tion soever he be, cause to
‘be cast or thrown from
‘henceforth any such Annoy-
‘ance, Garbage, Dung, In-
‘trails, nor any other Ordure
‘into the Ditches, Rivers,
‘Waters, and other Places
‘aforesaid, and if any do, he
‘shall be called by Writ be-
‘fore the Chancellor, at his
‘Suit that will complain; and
‘if he be found guilty, he
‘shall be punished after the
‘Discretion of the Chancel-
‘lor.’

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

ordures en les fosses ryvers
ewes & autres lieux susditz &
si null le face soit appelle par
brief devant le Chancellor a la
suite de celui qe soy vorra
pleindre & sil soit trove cou-
pable soit puniz solonc la dis-
cretion del Chaunceller.

No. 5.

1 Henry IV. c. 12.—A Confirmation of former Statutes touching pulling down of Wears.

No. 6.

4 Henry IV. c. 11.—Commissions shall be awarded to Justices, &c. to inquire of Wears, Kidels, &c.

No. 7.

1 Henry V. c. 2.—A Confirmation of former Statutes touching Wears, Mills, Kidels, &c.

No. 8.

2 Henry VI. c. 15.—No Man shall fasten Nets to any Thing over Rivers.

No. 9.

12 Edward IV. c. 7.—An Act for Wears and Fishgarthes.

No. 10.

25 George II. c. 36.—An Act for the better preventing Thefts and Robberies, and for regulating Places of Publick Entertainment, and punishing Persons keeping disorderly Houses.

WHEREAS the advertising a Reward with no Questions asked, for the Return of Things which have been lost or stolen, is one great Cause and Encouragement of 'Thefts and Robberies;' Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, any Person publickly advertising a Reward with no Questions asked, for the Return of Things which have been stolen or lost, or making use of any Words in such publick Advertisement, purporting that such Reward shall be given or paid without seizing or making Enquiry after the Person producing such Thing so stolen or lost, or promising or offering, in any such publick Advertisement, to return to any Pawnbroker, or other Person, who may have bought or advanced Money by way of Loan upon such Thing so stolen or lost the Money so paid or advanced, or any other Sum of Money or Reward for the Return of such Thing; and any Person printing or publishing such Advertisement, shall respectively forfeit the Sum of fifty Pounds for every such Offence, and the Printer to any Person who will sue for the same.

No. 10.
25 George II.
c. 36.

The Person advertising a Reward for the Return of Things stolen or lost, &c.

and the Printer to forfeit 50l.

II. 'And whereas the Multitude of Places of Entertainment for the lower Sort of People is another great Cause of 'Thefts and Robberies, as they are thereby tempted to spend 'their small Substance in riotous Pleasures, and in consequence 'are put on unlawful Methods of supplying their Wants, and 'renewing their Pleasures:' In order therefore to prevent the said Temptation to Thefts and Robberies, and to correct as far as may be the Habit of Idleness, which is become too general over the whole Kingdom, and is productive of much Mischief and Inconvenience; Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of *December* one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, any House, Room, Garden, or other Place kept for publick Dancing, Musick, or other publick Entertainment of the like Kind, in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or within twenty Miles thereof, without a Licence had for that Purpose, from the last preceding *Michaelmas* Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden

Unlicensed Places of Entertainment deemed disorderly Houses.

No. 10.
25 George II.
c. 36.

Constables may
seize Persons
found therein.

Person keep-
ing the same to
forfeit tool.

Licensed Pla-
ces: to have an
Inscription over
them,

and not to be
opened before 5
in the Evening.

On Breach of
either of the
Conditions the
Licence to be
revoked.

Places licensed
by the Crown,
or Lord Cham-
berlain, except-
ed.

for the County, City, Riding, Liberty or Division in which such House, Room, Garden, or other Place is situate (who are hereby authorized and empowered to grant such Licences as they in their Discretion shall think proper) signified under the Hands and Seals of four or more of the Justices there assembled, shall be deemed a disorderly House or Place: And every such Licence shall be signed and sealed by the said Justices in open Court, and afterwards be publicly read by the Clerk of the Peace, together with the Names of the Justices subscribing the same; and no such Licence shall be granted at any adjourned Sessions; nor shall any Fee or Reward be taken for any such Licence: And it shall and may be lawful to and for any Constable, or other Person, being thereunto authorized, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County, City, Riding, Division or Liberty where such House or Place shall be situate, to enter such House or Place, and to seize every Person who shall be found therein, in order that they may be dealt with according to Law: And every Person keeping such House, Room, Garden, or other Place, without such Licence as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds to such Person as will sue for the same; and be otherwise punishable as the Law directs in Cases of disorderly Houses.

III. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in order to give publick Notice what Places are licensed pursuant to this Act, there shall be affixed and kept up in some notorious Place over the Door or Entrance of every such House, Room, Garden, or other Place, kept for any of the said Purposes, and so licensed as aforesaid, an Inscription in large Capital Letters, in the Words following; *videlicet*, LICENSED PURSUANT TO ACT OF PARLIAMENT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF KING GEORGE THE SECOND; and that no such House, Room, Garden, or other Place, kept for any of the said Purposes, although licensed as aforesaid, shall be open for any of the said Purposes before the Hour of five in the Afternoon; and that the affixing and keeping up of such Inscription as aforesaid, and the said Limitation or Restriction in point of Time, shall be inserted in, and made Conditions of, every such Licence; and in case of any Breach of either of the said Conditions, such Licence shall be forfeited, and shall be revoked by the Justices of Peace in their next General or Quarter Sessions, and shall not be renewed; nor shall any new Licence be granted to the same Person or Persons, or any other Person on his or their or any of their Behalf, or for their Use or Benefit, directly or indirectly, for keeping any such House, Room, Garden, or other Place, for any of the Purposes aforesaid.

IV. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the Theatres Royal in *Drury Lane* and *Covent Garden*, or the Theatre commonly

called *The King's Theatre* in the *Hay Market*, or any of them; nor to such Performances and publick Entertainments as are or shall be lawfully exercised and carried on under or by virtue of Letters Patents, or Licence of the Crown, or the Licence of the Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household; any Thing herein contained notwithstanding.

No. 10.
25 George II.
c. 36.

V. And in order to encourage Prosecutions against Persons keeping Bawdy-houses, Gaming-houses, or other disorderly Houses, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any two Inhabitants of any Parish or Place, paying Scot, and bearing Lot therein, do give Notice in Writing to any Constable (or other Peace Officer of the like Nature, where there is no Constable) of such Parish or Place, of any Person keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house, or any other disorderly House, in such Parish or Place, the Constable, or such Officer as aforesaid, so receiving such Notice, shall forthwith go with such Inhabitants to one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County, City, Riding, Division or Liberty in which such Parish or Place does lie; and shall, upon such Inhabitants making Oath before such Justice, that they do believe the Contents of such Notice to be true, and entering into a Recognizance in the penal Sum of twenty Pounds each, to give or produce material Evidence against such Person for such Offence, enter into a Recognizance in the penal Sum of thirty Pounds, to prosecute with Effect such Person for such Offence at the next General or Quarter Session of the Peace, or at the next Assizes to be holden for the County in which such Parish or Place does lie, as to the said Justice shall seem meet; and such Constable or other Officer shall be allowed all the reasonable Expences of such Prosecution, to be ascertained by any two Justices of the Peace of the County, City, Riding, Division or Liberty where the Offence shall have been committed, and shall be paid the same by the Overseers of the Poor of such Parish or Place; and in case such Person shall be convicted of such Offence, the Overseers of the Poor of such Parish or Place shall forthwith pay the Sum of ten Pounds to each of such Inhabitants; and in case such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay to such Constable or other Officer such Expences of the Prosecution as aforesaid, or shall neglect or refuse to pay upon Demand, the said Sums of ten Pounds and ten Pounds, such Overseers and each of them, shall forfeit to the Person intitled to the same, double the Sum so refused or neglected to be paid.

Constable's
Duty upon Notice of Persons
keeping a
Bawdy-house,
Gaming-house,
&c.

The Charges of
Prosecution,

and tol. on
Conviction to
each of the two
Inhabitants, to
be paid by the
Overseers,
on Penalty of
forfeiting double.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon such Constable or other Officer entering into such Recognizance to prosecute as aforesaid, the said Justice of the Peace shall forthwith make out his Warrant to bring the Person so accused of keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house or other disorderly House, before him, and shall bind him or her over to appear at such General or Quarter Session or Assizes, there to answer to such Bill of Indictment as shall be found against him or her for such Offence; and such

Person keeping
such Bawdy-
house, &c. to
be bound over.

No. 10. Justice shall and may, if in his Discretion he thinks fit, likewise demand and take Security for such Person's good Behaviour in the mean time, and until such Indictment shall be found, heard and determined, or be returned by the Grand Jury not to be a true Bill.

25 George II.
c 36.
Constable neglecting his Duty forfeits 20l.

VII. Provided also, That in case such Constable shall neglect or refuse, upon such Notice, to go before any Justice of the Peace, or to enter into such Recognizance, or shall be wilfully negligent in carrying on the said Prosecution, he shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of twenty Pounds to each of such Inhabitants so giving Notice as aforesaid.

VIII. And whereas, by reason of the many subtle and crafty Contrivances of Persons keeping Bawdy-houses, Gaming-houses or other disorderly Houses, it is difficult to prove who is the real Owner or Keeper thereof, by which Means many notorious Offenders have escaped Punishment;

Who shall be deemed the Keeper of such Bawdy-house, &c.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person who shall at any Time hereafter appear, act or behave him or herself as Master or Mistress, or as the Person having the Care, Government or Management of any Bawdy-house, Gaming-house or other disorderly House, shall be deemed and taken to be the Keeper thereof, and shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished as such, notwithstanding he or she shall not in Fact be the real Owner or Keeper thereof.

Evidence may be given by an Inhabitant, &c.

IX. Provided nevertheless, That upon any such Prosecution against any Person for keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house or other disorderly House, any Person may give Evidence against the Defendant or on Behalf of the Defendant in such Prosecution, notwithstanding his or her being an Inhabitant or Parishioner of the said Parish or Place, or having entered into such Recognizance as aforesaid.

Indictment not removeable by Certiorari.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Indictment which shall at any Time after the said first Day of June be preferred against any Person for keeping a Bawdy-house, Gaming-house or other disorderly House, shall be removed by any Writ of *Certiorari* into any other Court; but such Indictment shall be heard, tried and finally determined, at the same General or Quarter Session or Assizes, where such Indictment shall have been preferred (unless the Court shall think proper, upon Cause shewn, to adjourn the same) any such Writ or Allowance thereof notwithstanding.

XI. And whereas many Persons are deterred from prosecuting Persons guilty of Felony, upon account of the Expence attending such Prosecution, which is another great Cause and Encouragement of Thefts and Robberies; In order therefore to encourage the bringing Offenders to Justice, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be in the Power of the Court, before whom any Person has been tried and convicted of any Grand or Petit Larceny, or other Felony, at the Prayer of the Prosecutor, and on Consideration of his Circumstances, to order the Treasurer of the County in which the Offence shall have been committed, to pay unto such

In Prosecutions for Felony;

Court may make Orders for Payment of the Prosecutor's Expences;



Prosecutor such Sum of Money as to the said Court shall seem reasonable, not exceeding the Expences which it shall appear to the Court the Prosecutor was put unto in carrying on such Prosecution, making him a reasonable Allowance for his Time and Trouble therein; which Order the Clerk of Assize, or Clerk of the Peace respectively, is hereby directed and required forthwith to make out and to deliver unto such Prosecutor, upon being paid for the same the Sum of one Shilling, and no more; and the Treasurer of the County is hereby authorized and required, upon Sight of such Order, forthwith to pay to such Prosecutor, or other Person authorized to receive the same, such Sum of Money as aforesaid, and shall be allowed the same in his Accounts.

No. 10.
25 George II.
c. 36.

Clerks' Fee for
such Order.

County Treas-
urer to pay the
Order.

XII. And, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice Thieves, Robbers and other Persons maintaining themselves by pilfering and defrauding Mankind; Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any two or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in any County, City or Liberty, in case any Person apprehended upon any general Privy Search, or by virtue of any special Warrant, shall be charged before them with being a Rogue and Vagabond, or an idle and disorderly Person, or with Suspicion of Felony, (although no direct Proof be then made thereof) to examine such Person upon Oath, not only as to the Parish or Place where he was last legally settled, but also as to his Means of Livelihood; the Substance of which Examination shall be put into Writing, and be subscribed or signed by the Person so examined; and the said Justices shall likewise sign the same, and transmit it to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the same County, City or Liberty, there to be filed, and to be kept on Record: And if such Person shall not make it appear to such Justices, that he has a lawful Way of getting his Livelihood, or shall not procure some responsible Housekeeper to appear to his Character, and to give Security for his Appearance before such Justices at some other Day to be fixed for that Purpose (in case the same shall be required) to commit such Person to some Prison or House of Correction, for any Time not exceeding six Days; and in the mean time to order the Overseers of the Poor, or one of them, of the Parish or Place in which such Person shall be apprehended, to insert an Advertisement in some publick Paper, describing such suspicious Person, and any Thing or Things which shall have been found upon him, or in his Custody, and which he shall be suspected not to have come honestly by, and mentioning the Place to which such Person is committed, and specifying the Time and Place when and where such Person is to be again brought before them to be re-examined; and if no Accusation shall be then laid against him, then such Person shall be discharged, or otherwise dealt with according to Law.

Justices may
examine on
Oath Rogues,
Vagabonds and
other disorderly
Persons;

the Examination
to be trans-
mitted to the
Sessions.

Person not giv-
ing a satisfac-
tory Account,
&c. to be com-
mitted,

and an Adver-
tisement to be
published, de-
scribing his
Person, and the
Things found
on him.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person intitled to any of the Forfeitures by this Act imposed, may sue for the same by Action of Debt,

Recovery of
Forfeitures.

PART V. CLASS XXIII.

MAINTENANCE—CHAMPERTY—LIVERIES.

No. 1.

3 Edward I. c. 25.—None shall commit Champerty, to have Part of the Thing in Question.

[Inserted Part III. Cl. X. No. 1]

No. 2.

Edward I. c. 28.—Clerks shall not commit Maintenance.*

Cotton *MS.*

ET qe nul Clerc le Roi, ne de ses Justices, ne receive desoremes presentement desglise, dount plei ou contek soit en la Court le Roi, saunz especial congie le Roi; & ceo defend il sur peine de perdre son service: Et que nul Clerc de Justice, ne de Viscont, ne mainteigne parties en quereles, nen busoignes qe sont en la Court le Roi ne fraude ne face, pur commune droiture delaier ou destourber; & si nul le fait, ill serra puny per la peine proscheinement avaunt

AND that none of the King's Clerks, nor of any Justicer, from henceforth shall receive the Prement of any Church, for the which any Plea or Debate is in the King's Court, without special Licence of the King; and that the King forbiddeth, upon Pain to lose the Church and his Service: And that no Clerk of any Justicer, or Sheriff, take Part in any Quarrels of Matters depending in the King's Court, nor shall work any

No. 2.

3 Edward I. c. 28.

There shall be no Maintenance of any Matter pending in the King's Court.

* The Offences of Maintenance and Champerty are often confounded, and indiscriminately used; but Champerty signifies a Bargain with the Plaintiff or Defendant in any Suit, to have Part of the Land, Debt, or other Thing on Suit, if the Party that undertakes it prevails therein. Maintenance is the unlawful upholding a Cause or Person, or the buying of pretended Rights to Lands, &c. Every Champerty, as Lord Coke observes, is Maintenance; but every Maintenance is not Champerty; for Champerty is but a species of Maintenance, which is the Genus.—*Note to Runnington's Statutes.*

- No. 2. ' Fraud, whereby common | dite, ou per plus grevous, si
3 Edward I. ' Right may be delayed or dis- | le trespass le request.
c. 28. ' turbed; and if any so do, he
' shall be punished by the Pain
' aforesaid, or more grievous-
' ly, if the Trespass do so re-
' quire.'

Cotton MS.

No. 3.

- 3 Edward I. c. 33.—No Maintainers of Quarrels shall be suffered.

No. 4.

- 13 Edward I. c. 49.—The Penalty for buying the Title of Land depending in Suit. A Remedy for Suits where the Law faileth.

[Inserted Pt. III. Cl. X. No. 2.]

No. 5.

- 28 Edward I. st. 3. c. 11.—Nothing shall be taken to maintain any Matter in Suit.

No. 6.

- 33 Edward I. st. 2.—Who be Conspirators, and who be Champertors.

[See the next Class.]

No. 7.

- 33 Edward I. st. 3.—The Punishment of such as commit Champerty.

No. 7.
33 Edward I.
st. 3.

- " WHERE it is contained | COTTON MS. Claudius D. 2.
" in our Statute, that | COME contenu soit en nos-
" none of our Court shall take | tre estatut. qe nulle hom-
" any Plea to Champerty by | me en nostre Courte nem-
" Craft nor by Engine; and | preigne plai en Champart ne
" that no Pleaders, Apprentises, | per arta ne per engine et Coun-
" Attornies, Stewards of great | tours Attornies Apprentis Sc-
" Men, Bailiffs, nor any other | neschaix Bailliffs a hautes hom-
" | mes et autres de la terre ja

Cotton MS. *Claudius D. 2.*

empennent a champert et per
autres bars touz maneres de
plees encountre toute manere
de gent perount toute la terre
est trop greve et riches et po-
vres sont travailles en moltz
maneres.

Purveu est per commune
Acorde qe touz ceux qe de-
soremes serront atteintz de
tiels emprises scutes et bar-
gaines et ceux qe a tiel chose
se assenteront eient la prisone
le Roi de trois annz et nepur-
qaunt serront reint a la volunte
le Rov.

" of the Realm, shall take for
" Maintenance, or the like
" Bargain, any Manner of Suit
" or Plea against other, where-
" by all the Realm is much
" grieved, and both Rich and
" Poor troubled in divers Man-
" ners;" 'it is provided by a
" common Accord, That all
" such as from henceforth shall
" be attainted of such Emprises,
" Suits, or Bargains, and such
" as consent thereunto, shall
" have Imprisonment of three
" Years, and shall make Fine
" at the King's Pleasure. Given
" at Berwick upon Tweed the

No. 7.
33 Edward I.
st. 3.

" twentieth Year of the Reign of King Edward. Our Lord the
" King, at the Information of *Gilbert Rowbery*, Clerk of his
" Council, hath commanded, That whosoever will complain
" himself of Conspirators, Inventors, and Maintainers of false
" Quarrels, and Partakers thereof, and Brokers of Debates,
" that *Gilbert Thornton* shall cause them to be attached by his
" Writ, that they be before our Sovereign Lord the King, to
" answer unto the Plaintiffs by this Writ following:—

II. Rex vic' salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod si A. de G. fecerit te securum de clamore suo prosequendo tunc pone per vadium et salvos plegios G. de C. quod sit coram nobis in octabis sancti Joh' Baptistæ, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in Anglia, ad respondendum prædicto A. de placito conspirationis et transgressionis, secundum ordinationem nostram nuper inde provisam, sicut idem A. rationabiliter monstrare poterit, quod ei inde respondere debeat, et habeas ibi nomina plegiorum et hoc breve. Teste, &c.

Writ of Con-
spiracy.

No. 8.

1 Edward III. st. 2. c. 14.—None shall commit Main-
tenance.

No. 9.

4 Edward III. c. 11.—Justices of Assises, &c. shall en-
quire of Maintainers, Conspirators, and Champertors.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

ITEM pur ceo qe avant ces
houres. plusours gentz du
Roialme auxibien grantz come
autres ount fait alliaunces con-

" ITEM, Where in Times
" past divers People of the
" Realm, as well great Men
" as other, have made Alli-

No. 9.
4 Edward III.
c. 11.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

- No. 9. "ances, Confederacies, and
4 Edward III. c. 11. "Conspiracies, to maintain
"Parties, {Pleas, and Quar-
rels, whereby divers have
"been wrongfully disinheri-
"ed, and some ransomed and
"destroyed, and some for fear to
"be maimed and beaten, durst
"not sue for their Right, nor
"complain, nor the Jurors of
"Inquests give their Verdicts,
"to the great Hurt of the Peo-
"ple, and Slander of the Law,
"and common Right;" "it is
'accorded,' &c.
- federacies et conspiracies a
meyntenir parties pleez et
querelles par ount plusours
gentz ount este atort desheri-
tez et ascuns rientz et destruz
et ascuns pur doute de tre ma-
heimez et batuz noserent pas
seuyr lour droit ne pleindre ne
les jurours des enquestes lour
verditz dire a grant damage du
poeple et areissement de la lei
et de commune droit si est
acorde, &c.

No. 10.

- 20 Edward III. c. 4.—None shall maintain any Quarrels
but their own.

No. 11.

- 20 Edward III. c. 5.—Lords and Great Men shall put
those out of their Services, which be Maintainers of
Quarrels.

No. 12.

- 1 Richard II. c. 4.—The several Penalties of several Per-
sons that do maintain Quarrels.

No. 13.

- 16 Richard II. c. 4.—Who may only wear another's
Livery.

No. 14.

- 20 Richard II. c. 2.—Who only may wear another's
Livery.

No. 15.

- 1 Henry IV. c. 7.—The Penalty for unlawful giving or wearing of Liveries. Who may wear the King's Liveries, and in what Places. To what Persons only Liveries may be given.

No. 16.

- 2 Henry IV. c. 21.—No Lord shall give any Livery or Sign to any Knight, Esquire, or Yeoman.

No. 17.

- 7 Henry IV. c. 14.—The Statute of 1 Hen. 4. c. 7. and 1 Rich. 2. c. 7. touching the giving and taking of Liveries, confirmed. No Congregation or Company shall make any Livery of Cloth or Hats.

No. 18.

- 13 Henry IV. c. 3.—A Confirmation of several Statutes of 1 Hen. 4. *cap.* 7. 7 Hen. 4. *cap.* 12. & 1 Rich. 2. *cap.* 7. touching giving and taking of Liveries.

No. 19.

- 32 Henry VIII. c. 9.—The Bill of Bracery and buying of Titles.

[Inserted Pt. III. Cl. X. No. 3]

PART V. CLASS XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES.*

No. 1.

3 Edward I. c. 26.—None of the King's Officers shall commit Extortion.

No. 2.

3 Edward I. c. 27.—Clerks of Officers shall not commit Extortion.

No. 3.

28 Edward I. c. 10.—The Remedy against Conspirators, false Informers, and Embracers of Jurors.

No. 3.
28 Edward I.
c. 10.

‘ IN Right of Conspirators,
‘ false Informers and evil
‘ Procurers of Dozens, Assises,
‘ Inquests and Juries, the King
‘ hath provided Remedy for
‘ the Plaintiffs by a Writ out of
‘ the Chancery. And not-
‘ withstanding, he willeth that
‘ his Justices of the one Bench
‘ and of the other, and Justices

Ex Rot. in Turr: Lond.

EN droit des conspirateurs
faus enfourmours e mau-
veis procureours des duzeines
enquests assises e jurees le Roi
ad ordene remedie as pleintifs
par bref de Chancellerie. E ja
dumeins voet qe ses Justices de
lun banc e de lautre e Justices
as assises prendre assignes
quaunt il viegnent en pais

* Most of the Statutes mentioned in this Class are at present of no practical Importance, or otherwise are inserted in preceding Parts of the Work; and the Titles, and in a few Instances the Statutes themselves, are only inserted for the Sake of giving a general Intimation of the Course and Progress of the Law upon the Subjects mentioned.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

a fere leur office de ceo facent
leur enquestes a chescun
pleinte sanz bref e sanz delai
e facent droit as pleintifs.

'assigned to take Assises,
'when they come into the
'Country to do their Office,
'shall, upon every Plaint
'made unto them, award In-
'quests thereupon without
'Writ, and shall do Right
'unto the Plaintiffs without
'Delay.'

No. 3.
28 Edward I.
c. 10.

No. 4.

33 Edward I. st. 2.—Who be Conspirators, and who be Champertors.

Cotton *MS. Claudius, D. 2.*

CONSPIRATOIRS sont
ceux qi se entielient per
serement covenant ou per au-
tre alliance qe chescun eidera
& sustendra autri emprise de
fausement & malicieusement
enditer ou faire enditer ou fau-
sement mover plees ou mainte-
nir & auxi ceux qi sont en-
fauntz deinz age appeller les
gentz des felonies per quoi ils
sont en prison & moult
grevez & ceux qi retiegnont
gentz a lour robes & a lour
fees pur maintenir lour melveis
emprises & pur verite estein-
dre auxibein les pernours co-
me les donours & Seneschalx
& Bailiffs des grauntz Seignurs
qi per lour seignurie office ou
poer emprenent a maintenir ou
a sustenir plees ou barettez pur
autres parties que cels qe tou-
chent lestat lour seignur ou eux
mesmes.

Ista ordinacio & finalis
diffinio Conspiratorum facta
fuit & finaliter concordata per
Regem & consilium suum in
parlamento suo anno tricesimo
tercio & ordinatum est quod
Justic' assignati ad diversas
felonias & transgressiones

CONSPIRATORS be they
that do confeder or
bind themselves by Oath,
Covenant, or other Alliance,
that every of them shall aid
and bear the other falsly and
maliciously to indite, or cause
to indite, or falsly to move
or maintain Pleas; and also
such as cause Children within
Age to appeal Men of Felony,
whereby they are imprisoned
and sore grieved; and such
as retain Men in the Country
with Lives or Fees to maintain
their malicious Enterprises;
and this extendeth as well to
the Takers, as to the Givers.
And Stewards and Bailiffs of
great Lords, which by their
Seignory, Office, or Power,
undertake to bear or maintain
Quarrels, Pleas, or Debates,
that concern other Parties
than such as touch the Estate
of their Lords or themselves.
This Ordinance and final
Definition of Conspirators
was made and accorded by
the King and his Council in
his Parliament the thirty-
third Year of his Reign. And

No. 4.
33 Edward I.
st. 2.

Cotton MS.

- No. 4. 'it was further ordained, That audiend' & terminand' habeant
 33 Edward I. 'Justices assigned to the hear- transcriptum.
 st. 2. 'ing and determining of Felon-
 'nies and Trespasses, should
 'have the Transcript hereof.'

No. 5.

5 Edward III. c. 10.—The Punishment of a Juror that
 is Ambidexter, and taketh Money.

No. 6.

10 Edward III. st. 3.—Statutum de Cibariis utendis,
 editum apud Nottingham.

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- No. 6. **P**UR ce qe avant ces heures par outrajouses et trop des
 10 Edward III. maneres des coustouses viandes qe les gentz du Roialme
 st. 3. ont usez plus qe nul part aillours moultz des meschiefs sont
 avenuz as gentz du dit Roialme. Car les grantz par tieles
 outrages ont estez moult grevez et les menes gentz qe saffor-
 cent solement de contrefaire les grantz en tiel manere des
 viandes sont moult empovres dont ils nont poair daider as eux
 meismes ne a leur liege Seignur en temps de busoigne sicome
 ils deivent. Et autres assez des mals sont avenuz auxibien as
 almes come as corps et les susdites choses et grevances pro-
 posez et monstrez devant nostre Seignur le Roy en son grand
 conseil tenu a Notyngh' Lundy proschein apres la feste de Seint
 Matheu apostle lan de son regne disme supplie feust par les
 Prelatz Countes Barons et les communaltez de son Roialme
 illoeqes assemblez per ses mandementz qil vousist sur ce pur
 profit de son poeple ordener remede covenable nostre dit
 Seignur le Roi desirant commune profit auxibien de grantz
 come de son commune people de son Roialme et considerantz
 les mals grevances et meschiefs avanditz par commune assent
 des Seigneurs et communes susditz qe illoeqes estient a loneur
 de Dieu et l'amendement de l'estat de la commune de son
 Roialme ad ordene qe nul de quel estat ou condition qil soit se
 face servir en son houstel ne nulle part aillour a diner manger
 ne souper ne nul autre temps forsque de deux cours et chescun
 mees de deux maners des viandes a plus soient ils des chares
 ou de pesshons ove communes pottages sauns saives ou autre
 manere de viande et si nul home voet avoir saives pur meese
 les eit si qils ne soient faitz de grantz couter et chares ou
 pesson y deivent estre mys ne soit mys forsque deux maners ou
 de chares ou de pesshon a plus et estoise en lieu de meese
 forspris le plus grantz festes del an cest assavoir la veile et le
 jour de Noel le jour de Seint Estiephne le jour del an renoeuf

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

les jours de la Tiphaynei et de la Purification de nostre Dame et la veille et le jour de Pasche et lendemain del dit jour de Pasque et le jour del ascension le jour de la Pentecost et lendemain le jour de la Trinite le jour de la Nativitee de Saint Johan le jour de Saint Pier et de Saint Paul les jours del Assumption et la Nativitee nostre Dame et le jour de toutz Seintz queux testes et jours chescun se puisse servir de trois cours ou plus en la manere avantdit. Et voet nostre Seignur le Roi et commande par assent avantdit qe cestes ordenance et estatut commencent de tenir par tout le roialme le Lundy prochain apres la feste de Toutz Seintz prochain avenir et soient criez en chescun Conte et qe chescun de quel estat qil soit sanz nul frosprendre les avantditz ordenances et estatutz garde et tiegne en la forme et manere susditz sanz ajoustie ou fraude faire a yceles par cautele art ou engyn ou par interpretation de paroles ou queconques autres colours querir sur la foy et ligeance qils doivent a nostre dit Seignur le Roi et a ses heirs Rois d'Engleterre et sicone ils aiment le honou de Dieu et auxint le honur et profit du Roi et profit du roialme avantdit et sur le peril q'appent si nul soit trove fesant le contraire de chose qest fait par commune assent de touz et pur si graunt profit du roialme.

No. 6.
10 Edward III.
st. 3.

REX vic' Ebor' salutem. Quedam ordinationem et statutum per nos in magno concilio nostro apud Nottingham die Lune prox' post festum sancti Michaelis archangeli prox' preterito convocato de assensu prelatorum comitum baronum et totius communitatis regni nostri ibidem existentium ad communem utilitatem tam prelatorum et magnatum quam populi ejusdem regni edita tibi mittimus sub sigillo nostro consignata mandantes quod ordinationem et statutum illa in pleno comitatu tuo ac in civitatibus burgis villis mercatoriis et aliis locis in balliva tua ubi expedire videris tam infra libertates quam extra legi et publice proclamari et quantum in te est firmiter observari facias. T. R. apud Aukland xv die Octobr'.

Per ipsum Regem.

No. 7.

11 Edward III. c. 2. — None shall wear any Cloth, but such as is made in *England*.

No. 8.

11 Edward III. c. 3. — No Clothes made beyond the Seas shall be brought into the King's Dominions.

No. 9.

11 Edward III. c. 4.—Who only may wear Furs.

No. 10.

25 Edward III. st. 4. c. 3.—The Penalty of him that doth forestall Wares, Merchandise, or Victual.

No. 11.

28 Edward III. c. 5.—No Iron shall be carried forth of the Realm,

No. 12.

34 Edward III. c. 8.—The Penalty of a Juror taking Reward to give his Verdict.

No. 13.

37 Edward III. c. 5.—Merchants shall not ingross Merchandises to inhance the Prices of them, nor use but one Sort of Merchandise.

No. 14.

37 Edward III. c. 8.—The Diet and Apparel of Servants.

No. 15.

37 Edward III. c. 9.—The Apparel of Handicraftsmen and Yeomen, and of their Wives and Children.

No. 16.

37 Edward III. c. 10.—What Apparel Gentlemen under the Estate of Knights, and what Esquires of two hundred Mark Land, &c. may wear, and what their Wives and Children,

No. 17.

- 37 Edward III. c. 11.—The Apparel of Merchants, Citizens, Burgesses, and Handicraftsmen.

No. 18.

- 37 Edward III. c. 12.—The Apparel of Knights which have Lands within the yearly Value of two hundred Marks, and of Knights and Ladies which have four hundred Mark Land.

No. 19.

- 37 Edward III. c. 13.—The Apparel of several Sorts of Clerks.

No. 20.

- 37 Edward III. c. 14.—The Apparel of Ploughmen, and other of mean Estate; and the Forfeitures of Offenders against this Ordinance.

No. 21.

- 37 Edward III. c. 15.—Clothiers shall make Cloths sufficient of the foresaid Prices, so that this Statute for Default of such Cloths be in no wise infringed.

No. 22.

- 38 Edward III. c. 6.—A Repeal of the Felony imposed by Stat. 27 Ed. 3. Stat. 2. c. 3. for transporting of Wooll, &c. by *Englishmen*; but the Forfeiture of Lands and Goods shall stand.

No. 23.

- 38 Edward III. c. 9.—The Punishment of him which proveth not his Suggestion made to the King.

No. 24.

- 38 Edward III. c. 12.—The Punishment of a Juror taking Reward to give Verdict, and of Embracers.

No. 25.

8 Richard II. c. 4. — The Penalty if a Judge or Clerk make a false Entry, rase a Roll, or change a Verdict.

No. 26.

5 Henry IV. c. 4. — It shall be Felony to use the Craft of Multiplication of Gold or Silver.

No. 27.

5 Henry IV. c. 6. — The Penalty for making an Assault upon any Servant of any Knight in Parliament.

No. 28.

4 Henry V. c. 3. — No Man shall make any Pattens of Asp, upon Pain of an hundred Shillings.

No. 29.

3 Henry VI. c. 1. — Masons shall not confederate themselves in Chapters and Assemblies.

No. 30.

20 Henry VI. c. 11. — A Repeal of so much of the Statute of 2 Hen. 5. *Stat. 1. cap. 6.* as making the breaking of Truce and Safe Conducts High Treason.

No. 31.

27 Henry VI. c. 5. — Certain Days wherein Fairs and Markets ought not to be kept.

No. 32.

1 Henry VIII. c. 14. — A Repeal of all former Statutes made against Excess of Apparel; and what Kind of Apparel Men of all Degrees and Callings are allowed, and what prohibited to wear.

No. 33.

7 Henry VIII. c. 6.—An Act concerning Apparel.

[A Repeal of the Statute made *Anno 6 H. 8. c. 1.* and of all other Statutes made for Apparel before it. What Kind of Apparel Temporal Men of all Degrees and Estates are allowed, and what prohibited, to wear, and upon what Penalties, and who shall have the Forfeiture, and by what Means they shall be recovered.]

No. 34.

24 Henry VIII. c. 3.—An Act for Flesh to be sold by Weight, and the Prises set down.

[Beef, Pork, Mutton and Veal shall be sold by Weight called *Haver-du-pois*. No Person shall take for a Pound of Beef or Pork above ob. nor for a Pound of Mutton or Veal above ob. q. and less in those Counties where they be sold for less.]

No. 35.

25 Henry VIII. c. 13.—Concerning the Number of Sheep one should keep.

No. 36.

25 Henry VIII. c. 17.—An Act concerning shooting in Cross-bows and Hand-guns.

[Whosoever shall shoot in any Hand-gun or Cross-bow, or keep any in his House, except he has Land, Annuities or Offices, to the yearly Value of an hundred Pounds, shall forfeit ten Pounds for every Offence;—(2.) and a Justice of the Peace may commit the Offender to the Gaol until he hath paid the same Forfeiture.—(3.) All former Placards made to shoot in either of them shall be void.]

No. 37.

32 Henry VIII. c. 10.—An Act for the Moderation of the Punishment of the Incontinency of Priests and Women offending with them.

[A Repeal of the Punishment by Death of Priests married or unmarried, and of Women offending with them by Incontinency, limited by the Statute of 31 H. 8. c. 14. A Priest offending by Incontinency, and convict according to the Laws mentioned in 31 H. 8. c. 14. shall the first Time forfeit to the King all his Goods, Chattels, Debts, and all his Spiritual Promotions, saving one; and being the second Time convict, he shall forfeit all his Goods, Chattels, Debts, and the Issue and Profits of all his Lands, Benefices and Promotions; and being the third Time convict, shall forfeit all his Goods, Debts, Lands, Benefices, &c. and be imprisoned during his Life: And the Woman, if married, shall be imprisoned during Life; but being unmarried, she shall, the first Time she is convict, forfeit all her Goods, Chattels and Debts; the second Time, the Moiety of the Issues of her Lands during her Life; and the third Time, the whole Issues and Profits of all her Lands,

&c. and shall be imprisoned during her Life. [The Stat. 31 H. 8. c. 14. and the Laws of Conviction therein mentioned being repealed by 1 Edw. 6. c. 12. this Statute is obsolete.]

No. 38.

33 Henry VIII. c. 9.—The Bill for the maintaining Artillery, and the Debarring of unlawful Games.

[See *ib.* Pt. VI. Cl. XX. No. 1.]

No. 39.

33 Henry VIII. c. 14.—An Act concerning false Prophecies upon Declaration of Names, Arms or Badges.

[It shall be Felony to declare any false Prophecy upon occasion of Arms, Fields, Letters, &c.]

No. 40.

54 and 55 Henry VIII. c. 6.—An Act for the true making of Pins.

[No Person shall put to Sale any Pins, but only such as shall be double-headed, and have the Heads soldered fast to the Shank of the Pin, well smoothed, the Shank well shaven, the Point well and round filed, cauted and sharpened.]

No. 41.

37 Henry VIII. c. 13.—An Act repealing the Act made for Pins.

No. 42.

2 and 3 Edward VI. c. 15.—The Bill of Conspiracies of Victuallers and Craftsmen.

No. 43.

3 and 4 Edward VI. c. 9.—An Act for the buying of raw Hides and Calves-Skins.

[No Person shall buy any raw Hides or Calves-Skins, to sell again untanned, upon Pain to forfeit for every Skin *vj. s. viij. d.* R.E.P. 5 El. c. 8. and 1 Jac. 1. c. 22.]

No. 44.

3 and 4 Edward VI. c. 15.—An Act against fond and fantastical Prophecies.

[The Penalty for publishing any false Prophecy upon Occasion of Arms, Fields, &c. to the Intent to make Dissention, &c. shall be for the first Offence, one Year's Imprisonment, and the Forfeiture of x l. and for the second Offence, the Forfeiture of all his Goods, and Imprisonment during his Life. EXP. 7 Ed. 6. c. 11. 33 H. 8. c. 14. 5 El. c. 15.]

No. 45.

5 and 6 Edward VI. c. 14.—An Act against Regrators, Foretallers and Ingrossers.

No. 46.

5 and 6 Edward VI. c. 16.—Against Buying and Selling of Offices.

[Inserted Pt. III. Cl. IX.]

No. 47.

7 Edward VI. c. 5.—The Act to avoid the excessive P. Prices of Wine.

For the avoiding of many Inconveniences, much evil Rule and common Resort of misraled Persons used and frequented in many Taverns of late newly set up in very great Number in Back-lanes, Corners and suspicious Places within the City of London, and in divers other Towns and Villages within this Realm; Be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, inhabiting within any of the King's Majesty's Dominions of England and Wales, shall after the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel next coming, utter by Retail by small Measure, that is to say, by Gallon, or any other Measure of greater or lesser Quantity, any Wines called *Guscoign*, *Guyon* or *French Wines*, but after the Rate of viij. d. the Gallon at the most, by any Manner of Means, Colour, Engine or Craft: Nor any *Rochel Wines* at greater Prices or Valuation than after the Rate of iv. d. the Gallon at the most: Nor any other Wine or Wines at greater Price or Valuation than after the Rate of xii. d. the Gallon at the most; upon Pain that every Person doing the contrary shall forfeit for every such Offence five Pounds of lawful Money of England.

No. 47.
Edward VI.
c. 5.

At what Prices Wines shall be sold, and at whose Appointment the Price shall be set down.
Repealed as to the Price of Wines by 1 Jac. I. c. 25. § 42.

No. 48.

1 and 2 Philip and Mary, c. 3.—An Act against seditious Words and Rumours.

No. 49.

1 Elizabeth, c. 6.—An Act for the Explanation of the Statute of seditious Words and Rumours.

[The Penalty mentioned in the Statute of 1 & 2 P. & M. c. 3. for speaking false slanderous News of the King or Queen, or for committing any of the Offences expressed in the said Act, shall be expounded to extend to the Queen that now is, and to the Heirs of her Body. EXP.]

No. 50.

1 Elizabeth, c. 10.—An Act that the carrying of Leather, Tallow or raw Hides, out of the Realm for Merchandizes, shall be Felony.

[It shall be Felony to convey, or procure to be conveyed, into any Ship or other Vessel, any Leather Tanned or Untanned, or any Salt or Untanned Hides, or any Backs of Sole-Leather, or any Tallow, to the Intent to transport the same over the Sea, to be sold by Way of Merchandize. REP. 18 Eliz. c. 9.]

No. 51.

1 Elizabeth, c. 15.—An Act that Timber shall not be felled to make Coals for burning of Iron.

No. 52.

5 Elizabeth, c. 15.—An Act against fond and fantastical Prophecies.

No. 53.

5 Elizabeth, c. 20.—An Act for the Punishment of Vagabonds, calling themselves *Egyptians*.

No. 54.

13 Elizabeth, c. 3.—An Act against Fugitives over the Sea.

[If any born within this Realm, or made Free Denizen, hath departed or shall depart the Realm without the Queen's Licence under the Great or Privy Seal, and shall not return again within six Months after Warning by

Proclamation, he shall forfeit to the Queen the Profits of all his Lands during his Life, and also all his Goods and Chattels. The like Penalty he shall sustain, which having Licence shall not return within six Months after his Licence expired. The Offender shall have Restitution upon Submission. Fraudulent Assurances made by Fugitives of their Lands and Goods to deceive the Queen, shall be void. EXP. 5 R. 2. Stat. I. c. 4. 12 R. 2. c. 14 El. c. 6.]

No. 55.

43 Elizabeth, c. 13.—An Act for the more peaceable Government of the Parts of *Cumberland, Northumberland, Westmorland*, and the Bishoprick of *Durresme*.

FORASMUCH as now of late Years very many of her Majesty's Subjects dwelling and inhabiting within the Counties of *Cumberland, Northumberland, Westmorland*, and the Bishoprick of *Durresme*, have been taken, some forth of their own Houses, and some in travelling by the Highway, or otherwise, and carried out of the same Counties, or to some other Places within some of the said several Counties, as Prisoners, and kept barbarously and cruelly until they have been redeemed by great Ransoms: And where now of late Time there have been many Incursions, Roads, Robberies, and burning and spoiling of Towns, Villages and Houses within the said Counties, that divers and sundry of her Majesty's loving Subjects within the said Counties, and the Inhabitants of divers Towns there, have been forced to pay a certain Rate of Money, Corn, Cattle or other Consideration, commonly there called by the Name of *Black-mail*, unto divers and sundry inhabiting upon or near the Borders, being Men of Name, and friended and allied with divers in those Parts, who are commonly known to be great Robbers and Spoil-takers within the said Counties, to the End thereby to be by them freed, protected and kept in Safety from the Danger of such as do usually rob and steal in those Parts: By reason whereof, many of the Inhabitants thereabouts being her Majesty's Tenants, or other good Subjects, are much impoverished, and Theft and Robbery much increased, and the Maintainers thereof greatly encouraged, and the Service of those Borders and Frontiers much weakened and decayed, and divers Towns thereabouts much dispeopled and laid waste, and her Majesty's own Revenue greatly diminished: Which heinous and outrageous Misdemeanors there cannot so well by the Ordinary Officers of her Majesty in those Parts be speedily prevented or suppressed, without further Provision of Law.

No. 55.
43 Elizabeth,
c. 13.

Several outrageous Misdemeanors committed in Cumberland, &c.

II. For Remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That whosoever shall at any Time hereafter, without good and lawful Warrant and Authority, take any of her Majesty's Subjects against his or their Will or Wills, and carry them out of the same Counties, or to any other

Carrying away or detaining any Person against his Will.

No. 55.
43 Elizabeth,
c. 13.

Assenting or
aiding to the
taking or detaining of any
Person.

Receiving or
carrying of
Black-mail.

Giving of
Black-mail for
Protection.
Burning of
Barns or Stacks
of Corn.

The aforesaid
Offences shall
be Felony with-
out Clergy, &c.

Place within any of the said Counties, or detain, force or imprison him or them as Prisoners, or against his or their Will, to ransom them, or to make a Prey or Spoil of his or their Person or Goods, upon deadly Feud or otherwise: Or whosoever shall be privy, consenting, aiding or assisting unto any such taking, detaining or carrying away, or procure the taking, detaining or carrying away, of any such Person or Persons Prisoners as aforesaid: Or whosoever shall take, receive or carry, to the Use of himself, or wittingly to the Use of any other, any Money, Corn, Cattle or other Consideration, commonly called *Black-mail*, for the protecting or defending of him or them, or his or their Lands, Tenements, Goods or Chattels, from such Thefts, Spoils and Robberies, as is aforesaid: Or whosoever shall give any such Money, Corn, Cattle or other Consideration, called *Black-mail*, for such Protection as is aforesaid: Or shall wilfully and of Malice burn or cause to be burned, or aid, procure or consent to the burning of any Barn or Stack of Corn or Grain, within any the said Counties or Places aforesaid; and shall be of the said several Offences, or any of them indicted, and lawfully convicted, or shall stand mute, or shall challenge peremptorily above the Number of twenty before the Justices of Assizes, Justices of Gaol-delivery, Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or Justices of Peace within any of the said Counties, at some of their General Sessions within some of the said Counties to be holden; shall be reputed, adjudged and taken to be as Felons, and shall suffer Pains of Death, without any Benefit of Clergy, Sanctuary or Abjuration, and shall forfeit as in Case of Felony.

III. And where divers and sundry Persons within the said Counties, being indicted and outlawed for Murders, Robberies, Burglaries or other Felonies, do notwithstanding ordinarily resort and come to Markets, Fairs and other publick Assemblies and Meetings, and do there converse, traffick and trade with other her Majesty's Subjects, and are entertained; and have the Privilege as Men, obedient to Laws, and yet do never yield themselves to Trial of Law, nor are apprehended; whereby the ordinary Proceeding of Law, and Execution of Justice in those Parts are grown now into very great Contempt;

The Names of
all Outlaws,
shall be declar-
ed to the Sher-
iff.

Proclamation of
the Outlaws.

IV. Be it therefore likewise further enacted, That every Clerk of the Peace within every of the said Counties shall within the Space of two Months next after any Outlawry within any of the said Counties, deliver or cause to be delivered by Writing under his Hand, the Names of all and every such as are or shall be hereafter outlawed within their several Counties, to all and every the Sheriffs of the said several Counties: And all and every the said Sheriffs shall proclaim and publish them to be outlawed in their several County-Courts, and in the City of Carlisle, the Towns of Penrith and Cockermouth, in the County of Cumberland, and in the Towns of Appulby and Kendal, in the County of Westmorland, and in the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, in the County of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, and in the Towns of Morpeth, Alnwick

and *Hexam*, in the County of *Northumberland*, and in the City of *Duresme*, and Towns of *Darlington*, *Bishop-dwckland* and *Bernard Castle*, within the Bishoprick of *Duresme*, and in the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and that the said Sheriffs having Notice, as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time, once in the Month at their County-Court, proclaim every of the said Persons so outlawed, or hereafter to be outlawed, until they shall yield their Bodies to prison: And likewise that the Mayors, Bailiffs, Aldermen, and other Chief Officers, within the said several Cities and Towns; shall proclaim the like at every Fair or Fairs, to be kept within the said Cities or Towns, and once every six Weeks at their Markets.

No. 55.
43 Elizabeth,
c. 13.

V. And be it also enacted, That if any Person or Persons inhabiting within any the said several Counties shall wittingly and willingly have Conference, Talk, or in any Sort shall relieve, entertain or confer with any such Person or Persons so outlawed, or hereafter to be outlawed, for any such Murders, Robberies, Burglaries or other Felonies; having Knowledge of the same Outlawries, by reason of the same Proclamation or otherwise, and then shall not with convenient Speed do his best Endeavour to take and arrest any such Person or Persons so outlawed, or to be outlawed as is aforesaid, shall suffer Imprisonment by the Space of six Months, without Bail or Mainprize, and be bound with two sufficient Sureties for his good Behaviour for the Space of one Year after, before he be enlarged of his Imprisonment.

The Punishment for relieving or conferring with an Outlaw for Felony.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of Assise within any of the said Counties, Justices of Gaol-delivery, Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or Justices of Peace within any of the said Counties, at any of their General Sessions, shall have Power and Authority by Virtue of this Act, to enquire hear and determine of the Offences and Defaults of the said Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Aldermen and other Officers, and of the Clerks of the Peace within the said Counties, and proceed against them by Information or Indictment, and punish them by Fine, Imprisonment or otherwise, as they shall think fit.

The Enquiry and Punishment of the Offenders.

VII. Provided always, That this Act nor any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to abridge or impeach the Jurisdiction or Authority of any the Lords Wardens of any the Marches of *England*, for and anenst *Scotland*; any Thing in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Authority of the Lords Wardens shall not be impeached.

No. 56.

1 James I. c. 12: — An Act against Conjurat[i]on, Witchcraft, and dealing with evil and wicked Spirits.

[The Penalty for practising of Invocation or Conjurat[i]on, &c. Conjurat[i]on or Invocation, whereby any Person is killed or lamed. Declaring by Witchcraft where any Thing is hidden, procuring unlawful Love, &c. The second Offence Felony. No Forfeiture of Dower or Inheritance. Trial at a Peer of the Realm. REP. 9 Geo. 2. c. 5.]

No. 57.

3 James I. c. 21.—An Act to restrain the Abuses of Players.

No. 57.

3 James I.
c. 21

The Penalty of
Players on the
Stage, & pro-
phanely abusing
the Name of
God

FOR the preventing and avoiding of the great Abuse of the Holy Name of God in Stage-plays, Enterludes, May-games, Shews, and such like. Be it enacted by our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, and by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it at any Time or Times after the End of this present Session of Parliament, any Person or Persons do or shall in any Stage-play, Enterlude, Shew, May-game, or Pageant, jestingly or profanely speak or use the Holy Name of God, or of Christ Jesus, or of the Holy Ghost, or of the Trinity, which are not to be spoken but with Fear and Reverence, shall forfeit for every such Offence by him or them committed ten Pounds; the one Moiety thereof to the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the other Moiety thereof to him or them that will sue for the same in any Court of Record at Westminster, wherein no Assize, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

No. 58.

21 James I. c. 3.—An Act concerning Monopolies and Dispensations with Penal Laws, and the Forfeitures thereof.

[Inserted Part III. Class I. No. 1.]

No. 59.

13 and 14 Charles II. c. 22.—An Act for preventing of Theft and Rapine upon the Northern Borders of England.

No. 60.

13 and 14 Charles II. c. 33.—An Act for preventing the frequent Abuses in printing seditious, treasonable and unlicensed Books and Pamphlets, and for regulating of Printing and Printing Presses.

No. 61.

10 William III. c. 2.—An Act to prevent the making or selling Buttons made of Cloth, Serge, Drugget, or other Stuffs.

No. 62.

7 Annæ, c. 16.—An Act to prevent the laying of Wagers relating to the Public.

No. 63.

6 George I. c. 18.—An Act for better securing certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by his Majesty by two Charters, for Assurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry; and for restraining several extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein mentioned.

[Inserted Pt. III. Cl. III. No. 3.]

No. 64.

7 George I. c. 7.—An Act to preserve and encourage the Woollen and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom, and for more effectual employing the Poor, by prohibiting the Use and Wear of all printed, painted, stained or dyed Callicoes in Apparel, Household Stuff, Furniture, or otherwise, after the twenty-fifth Day of December one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two (except as therein is excepted.)

No. 65.

7 George I. c. 12.—An Act for employing the Manufactures and encouraging the Consumption of Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn, by prohibiting the Wearing of Buttons and Button-holes made of Cloth, Serge or other Stuffs.

No. 66.

3 George II. c. 5.—An Act to enable his Majesty to prohibit any Person or Persons, his Majesty's Subjects, or residing within this Kingdom, to advance or lend any Sum or Sums of Money to any foreign Prince, State or Potentate, without Licence obtained from his Majesty under his Privy Seal, or some greater Authority. EXP.

[His Majesty may prohibit, by Proclamation, the advancing Money to foreign Princes without Licence. Not to restrain negotiating in foreign Funds, &c. Prosecution to commence in twelve Calendar Months. Continuation for two Years.]

No. 67.

9 George II. c. 5.—An Act to repeal the Statute made in the first Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, intituled, “An Act against Conjurat[i]on, Witchcraft, and dealing with evil and wicked Spirits,” except so much thereof as repeals an Act of the fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, “Against Conjurat[i]ons, Inchantments and Witchcrafts,” and to repeal an Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland* in the ninth Parliament of Queen *Mary*, intituled, “Anentis Witchcrafts,” and for punishing such Persons as pretend to exercise or use any Kind of Witchcraft, Sorcery, Inchantment or Conjurat[i]on.

No. 68.

12 George III. c. 71.—An Act for repealing several Laws therein mentioned against Badgers, Engrossers, Foretallers, and Reqraters, and for indemnifying Persons against Prosecutions for Offences committed against the said Acts.

No. 69.

26 George III. c. 71.—An Act for regulating Houses, and other Places, kept for the Purpose of slaughtering Horses.

PART V. CLASS XXV.

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

A—Surety of the Peace, and Apprehension of Offenders.

B—Examination — Commitment — Bail.

C—Indictments — Informations, and other Prosecutions

D—Process — Outlawry.

E—Certiorari.

F—Arraignment and Trial:

§ 1. In general.

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the Kingdom.

G—Benefit of Clergy — Transportation — Penitentiary
Houses.

H—Inquest in Cases not included in the last Division.

I—Forfeiture — Corruption of Blood.

K—Pardon.

L—Miscellaneous Incidents.

(A)

SURETY OF PEACE, AND APPREHENSION OF OFFENDERS.

No. 1.

3 Edward I. c. 9.—All Men shall be ready to pursue
Felons.

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No. 2.

13 Edward I. st. 2. c. 1.—Fresh Suit shall be made after Felons and Robbers from Town to Town, &c.

[See Pt. IV. Cl. XXII. No. 1.]

No. 3.

5 Edward III. c. 14.—Night-Walkers and suspected Persons shall be safely kept.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

No. 3. **I**TEM, Whereas in the Statute made at *Winches-*
5 Edward III. c. 14.

ter in the Time of King Edward, Grandfather to the King that now is, it is contained, That if any Stranger pass by the Country in the Night, of whom any have Suspicion, he shall presently be arrested and delivered to the Sheriff, and remain in Ward till he be duly delivered. And because there have been divers Manslaughters, Felonies, and Robberies done in Times past, by People that be called Roberdesmen, Wastours, and Draw-latches; it is accorded, That if any Man have any evil Suspicion of such, be it by Day or by Night, they shall be continually arrested by the Constables of the Towns. And if they be arrested within Franchises, they shall be delivered to the Bailiffs of the Franchise, and if in Guildable, they shall be delivered to the Sheriffs, and kept in Prison till the coming down of the Justices assigned to deliver the Gaol. And in the mean Time the Sheriffs or Bailiffs of the Franchises shall enquire of such Arrests, and at the coming of the Justices return their Enquestes

ITEM come en lestatut fait a Wyncestre en temps meisme le Roi lael soit contenuz qe si nul estraunge passe par pais de nuyt de qi homme eit suspicion soit maintenant arestu & livere au viscounte & demerge en garde tant qil soit dument delivers. Et diverses roberies homicides & felonies ont este faitz einz ces heures par gentz qi sont appelez Roberdesmen Wastours & Draghlatche si est acorde & establi qe si homme eit suspicion de mal de nuls tielx soit il de jour soit il de nuyt qe maintenant soient arestuz par les conestables des villes. Et s'ils soient arestuz en franchises soient liverez as bailiffs des franchises & si en guildable soient liverez as viscountes & gardez en prisone tant qe a la venue des Justices assignez a delivrer les gaoles. Et endementiers facent les viscountes ou bailiffs des franchises enquire des tielx arestuz & a la venue des Justices retournent devant eux de ce leur enquestes & ce qils averont treuve et les causes des prises ou les corps et outre aillent les Justices a la delivrance de tielx arestuz selonc la lei. Et en cas qe les viscountes ou bailiffs de franchises n'averont pas enquis de tielx

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

arestuz soient amerciez et
nient meins facent les Justices
enquere et outre aillent a la
deliverance come sus est dit.

'before them, with that which
'they have found, and the
'Cause of the Takings, with
'the Bodies, and the Justices
'shall proceed to the Deliver-
'ance of such Persons arrested
'according to the Law. And
'in case that the Sheriffs or
'Bailiffs of the Franchises have
'not enquired of such Arrests,
'they shall be amerced, and
'nevertheless the Justices shall
'make Enquiry, and further
'proceed to the Deliverance,
'as before is said.'

No. 3.

Edward III.
c. 14.

No. 4.

28 Edward III. c. 11.—Fresh Suit and Hays and Cry shall
be made after Robbers from Country to Country.

No. 5.

23 Henry VI. c. 9.—No Sheriff shall let to farm his
County or any Bailiwick. The Sheriffs and Bailiffs
Fees and Duties in several Cases.

[See Pt. IV. Cl. III. No. 10.]

No. 6.

3 Henry VII. c. 1.—The Authority of the Court of Star
Chamber. Where one Inquest shall inquire of the
Concealment of another. A Coroner's Duty after a
Murder committed. A Justice of Peace shall certify
his Recognizances, &c.

13.

I. AND also it is ordained by the same Authority, That
every Justice of Peace within this Realm, that
shall take any Recognisance for the keeping of the Peace, that
the same Justice do certify, send, or bring the same Recogni-
sance at the next Session of Peace, where he is or hath been
Justice, that the Party so bound may be called; and if the
Party make Default, the same Default then there to be record-
ed, and the same Recognisance, with the Record of the De-
fault, be sent and certified into the Chancery, or afore the
King in his Bench, or into the King's Exchequer.

No. 6.

Henry VII.
c. 1.

A Justice of the
Peace shall cer-
tify a Recogni-
sance by him
taken, at the
next Sessions.

No. 7.

21 James I. c. 8.—An Act to prevent and punish the Abuses in procuring Process and *Supersedeas* of the Peace and good Behaviour, out of his Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, and to prevent the Abuses in procuring Writs of *Certiorari* out of the said Courts, for the removing of Indictments found before Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions.

No. 7.
as James I.
c. 8.

Process and Writs of *Supersedeas* of the Peace, or good Behaviour, shall not be granted but upon Motion in open Court.

Certioraries shall not be allowed, unless the Indictree will be bound to pay Costs.

‘WHEREAS divers turbulent and contentious Persons, some out of Malice, and others in hope of Gain, by way of Composition, do oftentimes upon their corporal Oaths peremptorily and corruptly taken, or otherwise upon false Suggestions and Surmises, procure Process of the Peace, or good Behaviour out of his Majesty's Courts of Chancery, and King's Bench, against divers of his Majesty's quiet Subjects, whose Dwellings, and Abodes are (for the most part) in Counties far distant and remote from the said Courts, to their intolerable Trouble and Vexation, whereas they might upon good Cause shewed receive Justice at the Hands of the Justices of the Peace in the Counties where they dwell.’

II. For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That all Process of the Peace or good Behaviour, after the End of this Session of Parliament to be granted or awarded out of the same Courts, or either of them, against any Person or Persons whatsoever, at the Suit of or by the Prosecution of any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall be void and of none Effect, unless such Process shall be so granted or awarded, upon Motion first made before the Judge or Judges of the same Courts respectively, sitting in open Court, and upon Declaration in Writing, upon their Corporal Oaths to be then exhibited unto them, by the Parties which shall desire such Process, of the Causes for which such Process shall be granted or awarded, by or out of any the said Courts respectively, and unless that such Motion and Declaration be mentioned to be made upon the Back of the Writ; the said Writings here to be entered and remain of Record: And that if it shall afterwards appear unto the said Courts, or either of them respectively, that the Causes expressed in such Writings, or any of them, be untrue, that then the Judge or Judges of the said Courts, or either of them respectively, shall and may award such Costs and Damages unto the Parties grieved, for their or any of their wrongful Vexations in that Behalf, as they shall think fit: And that the Party or Parties so offending shall and may be committed to Prison by such Judge or Judges, until he or they pay the said Costs and Damages: And whereas divers turbulent and contentious Persons, deservedly fearing to be bound to the Peace or good Behaviour by the Justices of Peace of the Counties where they dwell, do oftentimes procure themselves

‘ to be bound to the Peace or good Behaviour in the said No. 7.
 ‘ Courts, or one of them, upon insufficient Sureties, or upon 21 James I.
 ‘ colourable Prosecution of some Person or Persons, who will c. 8.
 ‘ be ready at all Times to release them at their own Pleasure;
 ‘ whereupon his Majesty’s Writs of *Supersedeas* are oftentimes
 ‘ directed to the Justices of Peace, and other his Majesty’s
 ‘ Officers, requiring them and every of them to forbear to
 ‘ arrest or imprison the Parties aforesaid for the Causes above-
 ‘ said; by Means whereof the said turbulent and contentious
 ‘ Persons misdeemean themselves amongst their Neighbours
 ‘ with Impunity, to the great Offence and Disturbance of
 ‘ their Neighbours amongst whom they converse and live, and
 ‘ to the Affront of the Justices of Peace, and to the evil Ex-
 ‘ ample and Encouragement of like evil-disposed Persons.

III. Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
 That all Writs of *Supersedeas* after the End of this present
 Session of Parliament, to be granted by or out of either of
 the Courts aforesaid, shall be void and of none Effect, unless
 such Process be granted likewise upon Motion in open Court
 first made as aforesaid, and upon such sufficient Sureties as
 shall appear unto the Judge or Judges of the same Court re-
 spectively, upon Oath, to be assessed at five Pounds Lands, or
 ten Pounds in Goods, in the Subsidy Book, at the least;
 which Oaths, and the Names of such Sureties, with the Places
 of their Abode, and where they stand so assessed, in the Sub-
 sidy Books, shall be entered and remain of Record in the
 same Courts: And unless it shall also first appear unto the said
 Judge or Judges, from whom such *Supersedeas* is desired, that
 the Process of the Peace, or good Behaviour, is prosecuted
 against him or them, desiring such *Supersedeas*, bona fide, by
 some Party grieved, in that Court, out of which such *Super-
 sedeas* is desired to be so awarded and directed.

‘ IV. And whereas divers lewd and evil-disposed Per-
 ‘ sons, commonly called Bailers, or Knights of the Post, be-
 ‘ ing base and beggarly Persons, do oftentimes procure them-
 ‘ selves to be assessed at high Rates in the Subsidy Books,
 ‘ and sometimes do falsly take upon them the Names of other
 ‘ Men of good Ability, of Purpose to enable themselves to be
 ‘ accepted for Bail, which Persons being of small or no Abi-
 ‘ lity or Worth, are ready for Lucre and Gain to become
 ‘ bound by Recognisance as Sureties for such Persons as shall
 ‘ procure themselves to be bound to the Peace or good Beha-
 ‘ viour as aforesaid; by Means whereof the Judge or Judges of
 ‘ the said Courts not knowing them, may be easily abused, and
 ‘ Justice deluded.

V. Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That False Sureties

of *Supersedeas*, or procuring such Surety as aforesaid, shall be by the
 and may likewise punish the said false and insufficient Sureties and Judges.
 Bailers aforesaid, and the said Courts thereof, according to

No. 7. their Discretions, so as such Punishment extend not to the Loss of Life or Member.

2^d James I.
c. 8.

VI. And whereas divers Bills of Indictments of Riot, forcible Entry, or of Assault and Battery, being found before the Justices of Peace at their Quarter Sessions of the Peace or otherwise, are oftentimes removed from the Counties where such Indictments are found, by Writs of *Certiorari* unto them directed out of the said Courts, by or by the Means of the Persons so indicted, who well know that few or no Persons grieved by such their Outrages and Misdemeanors whereof they stand so indicted, will undergo the Travel or Charge of Prosecution of such Indictments so removed, by bringing the Parties so indicted to Trial; by Means whereof such Offenders for the most Part escape unprosecuted and unpunished, and the King loseth the Fines which ought and should have been imposed upon them, if such Indictments had been prosecuted, and not removed:

Certiorari not allowed unless Indictree become bound to pay Costs.

VII. Be it therefore enacted, That all such Writs of *Certiorari* shall from and after the End of this present Session of Parliament be delivered at some Quarter Sessions of the Peace in open Court: And that the Parties indicted shall before the Allowance of such *Certioraries* become bound unto such Person or Persons which shall prosecute such Bills of Indictment against them, in the Sum of Ten Pounds, with such sufficient Sureties as the Justices of Peace at their said Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall think fit, with Condition to pay unto the said Prosecutors of such Bills of Indictment, within one Month after the Conviction of such Parties indicted, such reasonable Costs and Damages as the said Justices of Peace of such Counties where such Bills of Indictment shall be found, in the said Sessions of the Peace shall assess or allow; and that in Default thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Justices to proceed to Trial of such Indictments; any such Writs of *Certiorari* to remove the same Indictments notwithstanding.

No. 8.

George II. c. 55.—An Act for amending and making more effectual a Clause in an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, for the apprehending of Persons in any County or Place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place.

[See Pt. VI. Cl. XXIII.]

No. 9.

13 George III. c. 31.—An Act for the more effectual Execution of the Criminal Laws in the two Parts of the United Kingdom,

‘WHEREAS it frequently happens that Felons, and other Malefactors, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, make their Escape into that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; and also that Felons, and other Malefactors, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, make their Escape into that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; whereby their Offences often remain unpunished, there being no sufficient Provision, by the Laws of either of the two Parts of the United Kingdom for apprehending such Offenders, and transmitting them into that Part of the United Kingdom in which their Offences were committed: For Remedy thereof, may it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons against whom a Warrant shall be issued by any Justice or Justices of Peace of any County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for any Crime or Offence against the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom, shall escape, go into, reside, or be in any Place of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff, or Steward-depute, or Substitute, or any Justice of Peace of the County or Place where such Person or Persons shall escape, go into, reside, or be, to indorse his Name on the said Warrant; which Warrant, so indorsed, shall be a sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons bringing such Warrant, and to all Persons to whom such Warrant was originally directed; and also to all Sheriffs Officers, Stewards Officers, Constables, and other Peace Officers of the County or Place where such Warrant shall be so indorsed, to execute the said Warrant in the County or Place where it is so indorsed, by apprehending the Person or Persons against whom such Warrant is granted, and to convey him, her, or them, into the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, being adjacent to that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, in which the Crime was committed, and before one of the Justices of Peace of such County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, to be there dealt with according to Law: Or, in case the Crime was committed in a County not next adjacent to that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; then, and in every such Case, to convey him, her, or them, into any County of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, next adjacent to that Part of *Great Britain*

No. 9.
13 George III.
c. 31.

Persons against whom Warrants are issued in England, who shall escape into Scotland, may be conveyed into that County where the Offence was committed by the Justices, &c. in Scotland, who are to indorse their Names on such Warrants.

No. 9. called *Scotland*, and before one of the Justices of Peace of
 13 George III. such County, which Justice of Peace is hereby authorised and
 c. 31. required to proceed with regard to such Person or Persons, in
 the Manner directed by an Act made in the twenty-fourth Year
 of the Reign of his Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled,
 "An Act for amending and making more effectual a Clause in
 an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, for the apprehending of Persons in any County or Place, upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place," as if the said Person or Persons had been apprehended in the said County.

Persons guilty
 of like Crimes
 in Scotland,
 may be apprehended, and
 returned.

II. And, for Remedy of the like Inconveniency, by the
 Escape of Persons guilty of Crimes in that Part of *Great Britain*
 called *Scotland*, be it further enacted by the Authority afore-
 said, That, from and after the passing of this Act, if any Per-
 son or Persons, against whom a Warrant shall be issued by the
 Lord Justice General, Lord Justice Clerk, or any of the Lords
 Commissioners of Justiciary, or by any Sheriff, or Steward-
 depute, or Substitute, or Justice of the Peace of that Part of
Great Britain called *Scotland*, for any Crime or Offence against
 the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom, shall escape, go
 into, reside, or be, in any Place of that Part of *Great Britain*
 called *England*, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice
 of Peace of the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty,
 Town, or Place, where such Person or Persons shall escape,
 go into, reside, or be, to indorse his Name on the said War-
 rant; which Warrant, so indorsed, shall be a sufficient Au-
 thority to the Person or Persons bringing such Warrant, and
 to all Persons to whom such Warrant was originally directed;
 and also to all Constables, or other Peace Officers of the
 County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place,
 where such Warrant shall be so indorsed, to execute the said
 Warrant in the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty,
 Town, or Place, where it is so indorsed, by apprehending the
 Person or Persons against whom such Warrant is granted,
 and to convey him, her, or them, into the County, or Place
 of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, being adjacent to
 that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* where the Crime was
 committed; and before the Sheriff or Steward-depute, or Sub-
 stitute, or one of the Justices of the Peace of such County or
 Place, to be there dealt with according to Law: Or, in case
 the Crime was committed in a County not next adjacent to that
 Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; then, and in such Case,
 to convey him, her, or them, into any County of that Part of
Great Britain called *Scotland*, next adjacent to that Part of
Great Britain called *England*, and before the Sheriff, or
 Steward-depute, or Substitute, or one of the Justices of the
 Peace of such County; which Sheriff, Steward, or Justice of
 the Peace, is hereby required to proceed with regard to such
 Person or Persons according to the Rules and Practice of the
 Law of *Scotland*, as if the said Person or Persons had been
 apprehended in the said County.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, No. 9.
That the Expence of removing Prisoners as aforesaid shall be repaid to the Person defraying the same by the Treasurer of the 13 George III.
County of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, or by the Sheriff, or Steward-depute, or Substitute, of the County of that c. 31.
Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, in which the Crime was committed, the Amount of that Expence being previously ascertained by an Account thereof verified upon Oath before two of the Justices of the Peace of such County, and allowed and signed by them. Expence of removing Prisoners.

IV. And whereas it frequently happens in both Parts of the United Kingdom, that Persons having stolen or otherwise feloniously taken away Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, carry the same into the other Part of the United Kingdom, and there have the said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in their Possession or Custody; and Doubts have been entertained, whether they could be indicted and tried in that Part of the United Kingdom, as the original Offence was not there committed; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons having stolen or otherwise feloniously taken Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in either Part of the United Kingdom, shall afterwards have the same Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, or any Part thereof, in his, her, or their Possession or Custody, in the other Part of the United Kingdom, it shall and may be lawful to indict, try, and punish such Person or Persons for Theft or Larceny in that Part of the United Kingdom where he, she, or they shall so have such Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in his, her, or their Possession or Custody, as if the said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, had been stolen in that Part of the United Kingdom. Persons who shall have stolen Money, &c. in either Part of the United Kingdom, may be indicted for Theft.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, in either Part of the United Kingdom, shall hereafter receive or have any Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, stolen, or otherwise feloniously taken, in the other Part of the United Kingdom, knowing the same to be stolen, or otherwise feloniously taken, every such Person or Persons shall be liable to be indicted, tried, and punished for such Offence in that Part of the United Kingdom where he, she, or they shall so receive or have the said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, had been originally stolen, or otherwise feloniously taken, in that Part of the United Kingdom. Receivers of Money, &c. in either Part of the Kingdom, knowing the same to be stolen, also liable to be punished.

No. 10.

44 George III. c. 92.—An Act to render more easy the apprehending, and bringing to Trial, Offenders escaping from one Part of the United Kingdom to the other, and also from one County to another.—
[20th. July 1804.]

No. 10.
44 George III
c. 92.

Where Persons,
against whom
Warrants have
been issued,
escape into
another County
in Ireland, the
Justices of the
County where
they reside,
shall indorse
the Warrants
for Execution.

Where Offences
are bailable
Justices may
take Bail, and
transmit Recognizance, &c., to
the proper
County.

‘**W**HEREAS it frequently happens that Persons, against whom Warrants are granted by Justices of Peace for the several Counties and Places in *Ireland*, escape into other Counties or Places, out of the Jurisdiction of the Justices of Peace granting such Warrants; and it may also frequently happen, that Persons having committed Offences in some County or Place in *Ireland*, may reside, or be in some other County or Place out of the Jurisdiction of the Justice or Justices of the County or Place in which such Offence was committed, whereby such Offenders may or will easily avoid being punished for the Offences wherewith they are charged; be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and four, in case any Person against whom a Warrant shall be issued by any Justice or Justices of the Peace of any County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, within *Ireland*, shall escape, go into, reside, or be, in any other County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, out of the Jurisdiction of the Justice or Justices granting such Warrant as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where such Person shall escape, go into, reside, or be, and such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required upon Proof being made upon Oath of the Hand Writing of the Justice or Justices granting such Warrant, to indorse his or their Name or Names on such Warrant, which Indorsement shall be a sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons bringing such Warrant, and to all other Persons to whom such Warrant was originally directed, to execute such Warrant in the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where the same was indorsed, and to apprehend and carry such Offender or Offenders before the Justice who indorsed such Warrant, or before some other Justice or Justices of such other County, City, Liberty, Town or Place where such Warrant was indorsed; and in Case the Offence for which such Offender shall be apprehended shall be bailable in Law, and such Offender shall be willing and ready to give Bail for his or their Appearance at the next Assizes or General Gaol Delivery, or next General Quarter Session of the Peace to be held in and for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where the Offence was committed, such Justice or Justices by whom such Warrant was indorsed, or such other Justice before

whom any such Offender or Offenders shall be brought, shall and may proceed with such Offender or Offenders, and take 44 No. 10.
Bail for his or their Appearance at the next Assizes or General Gaol Delivery, or at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the County, City, Liberty, Town or Place, where such Offence was committed, in the same Manner as the Justices of the Peace in the proper County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, should or might have done in such proper County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place; and the Justice or Justices so taking Bail as aforesaid, shall deliver the Recognizance, together with the Examination or Confession of such Offender or Offenders, and all other Proceedings relating thereto, had before such Justice, to the Constable or other Officer or Officers, or Person or Persons so apprehending such Offender or Offenders as aforesaid, who are hereby required to receive the same, and to deliver over such Recognizance, Examination, or other Proceedings, to the Clerk of the Crown, or Clerk of the Peace of the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where such Offender or Offenders is or are required to appear by virtue of such Recognizance; and such Recognizance, Examination, and Confession respectively, shall be as good and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and of the same Force and Validity, as if the same had been entered into, taken, or acknowledged, before a Justice or Justices of the Peace in and for the proper County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where the Offence was committed, and the same Proceedings shall be had thereon; and in case any Constable, Officer, or other Person to whom such Recognizance, Examination, Confession, or other Proceedings shall be delivered as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to deliver over the same to the Clerk of the Crown or Clerk of the Peace of the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where such Offender is required to appear by virtue of such Recognizance, such Constable, Officer, or other Person, shall forfeit the Sum of five Pounds *Irish* Currency, to be recovered against him by Bill, Civil Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record in Ireland, by any Person or Persons who will prosecute or sue for the same, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, nor more than one Imparlance; and in case the Offence for which such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and taken in Manner aforesaid, shall not be bailable in Law, or such Offender or Offenders shall not give Bail for his or their Appearance at the next Assizes or General Gaol Delivery, or next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where the Offence was committed, to the Satisfaction of the Justice before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be brought, then and in such Case the Constable, Officer, or other Person so apprehending such Offender or Offenders, shall carry and convey such Offender or Offenders before one of his Majesty's Justices of Peace of the proper County,

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c. 92.

Penalty on Constable for Neglect in delivering Recognizance, &c.

If Offender not bailed, he shall be taken before a Justice of the proper County.

No. 10. City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where such Offence was committed, there to be dealt with according to Law.
 44 George III. c. 92.

Justices indorsing Warrants not liable to Action.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Action of Trespass, false Imprisonment, or Indictment, or other Action, shall be brought, sued, commenced, or prosecuted by any Person or Persons whatsoever, against the Justice or Justices who shall indorse such Warrant, for or by reason of his or their indorsing such Warrant: Provided always, that such Person or Persons shall be at Liberty to bring or prosecute his or their Action or Suit against the Justice or Justices who originally granted such Warrant, in the same Manner as such Person or Persons might have done in case this Act had not been made.

Offenders escaping from Ireland into Great Britain may be apprehended, and conveyed to Ireland.

III. ' And whereas it may frequently happen that Felons and other Malefactors, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, make their Escape into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, as also that Felons and other Malefactors in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain* may make their Escape into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, whereby their Offences often remain unpunished, there being no sufficient Provision, by the Laws now in force in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, for apprehending such Offenders and transmitting them into that Part of the United Kingdom in which their Offences were committed: For Remedy whereof, be it further enacted, That, from and after the first Day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and four, if any Person or Persons against whom a Warrant shall be issued by any of the Judges of his Majesty's Court of King's Bench, or any Justice of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery, or any Justice or Justices of the Peace or other Person having Authority to issue the same within *Ireland*, for any Crime or Offence against the Laws in force in *Ireland*, shall escape, go into, reside, or be in any Place in *England* or *Scotland* respectively, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace of the County, Stewartry, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, in *England* or *Scotland* respectively, whither or where such Person or Persons shall escape, go into, reside, or be, to indorse his Name on such Warrant, which Warrant so indorsed shall be a sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons bringing such Warrant, and to all Persons to whom such Warrant was originally directed, and also to all Constables or other Peace Officers of the County, Stewartry, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where such Warrant shall be so indorsed, to execute the said Warrant in the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where it is so indorsed, by apprehending the Person or Persons against whom such Warrant is granted, and to convey him, her, or them by the most direct Way into *Ireland*, and before one of the Justices of the Peace of the County in *Ireland*, living near the Place and in the County where he, she, or they shall arrive and land; which Justice of the Peace is hereby required to

proceed with regard to such Person or Persons as if the said No. 10.
Person or Persons had been legally apprehended in the said 44 George III.
County in *Ireland*. c. 92.

IV. 'And, for Remedy of the like Inconveniency by the
'Escape into *Ireland* of Persons guilty of Crimes in *England*
'or *Scotland* respectively,' be it further enacted, That, from Offenders
and after the first Day of *August* one thousand eight hundred escaping from
and four, if any Person or Persons against whom a Warrant Great Britain
shall be issued by any of the Judges of his Majesty's Court of into *Ireland*
King's Bench, or of the Courts of Great Sessions in *Wales*, or may be appre-
any Justice of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery, or hended and con-
Justice or Justices of the Peace of any County, Stewartry,veyed back in
Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, within like Manner.
England or *Scotland* respectively, or other Person having Au-
thority to issue the same within *England* or *Scotland* respec-
tively, for any Crime or Offence against the Laws of *England*
or *Scotland* respectively, shall escape, go into, reside, or be
in any Place of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ire-*
land, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace of
the County or Place in *Ireland*, whither or where such Person
or Persons shall escape, go into, or reside or be, to indorse his
Name on such Warrant, which Warrant so indorsed shall be a
sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons bringing such
Warrant, and to all Persons to whom such Warrant was origi-
nally directed, and also to all Sheriffs Officers, Constables, and
other Peace Officers of the County or Place in *Ireland* where
such Warrant shall be so indorsed, to execute the said Warrant
in the County or Place in *Ireland* where it is so indorsed, by
apprehending the Person or Persons against whom such War-
rant may be granted, and to convey him, her, or them, by
the most direct Way into *England* or *Scotland* respectively,
and before one of the Justices of Peace of the County or
Stewartry, in *England* or *Scotland* respectively, living near
the Place and in the County where he, she, or they shall arrive
and land, which Justice of Peace is hereby authorized and
required to proceed with regard to such Person or Persons as
if such Person or Persons had been legally apprehended in the
said County or Stewartry of *England* or *Scotland* respectively.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Expence of re- Expence of
moving Prisoners as aforesaid to any Place in *England*, *Scot-* Removal of
land and *Ireland* respectively, shall be repaid to the Person Prisoners shall
defraying the same by the Treasurer of the County in *England* be defrayed by
or *Ireland* respectively, or by the Sheriff or Stewart Depute or Treasurers of
Substitute of the County or Stewartry in *Scotland*, in which Counties, &c.
the Crime was committed, the Amount of such Expence being
previously ascertained by an Account thereof verified upon
Oath before two of the Justices of the Peace of such County
or Stewartry, and allowed and signed by them, and such
Treasurer, Sheriff, or Stewart Depute or Substitute, shall
be allowed such Payments in their respective Accounts.

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c. 92.

Treasurers of Counties in Ireland shall be reimbursed their Expences by Presentments of Grand Juries.

Offenders escaping with stolen Goods from one Part to any other of the Kingdom may be tried in the Place where the same shall be found.

Persons receiving such stolen Goods may be tried in the Place where they receive the same.

VI. ' And be it further enacted, That the Treasurers of the several Counties in *Ireland* who have paid the Amount of any such Expences so ascertained as aforesaid, shall lay the said Account, together with the Allowance of the same so signed as aforesaid, before the Grand Juries of their respective Counties, at the Assizes holden for such Counties next after such Expences shall be paid, or at any subsequent Assizes; and it shall be lawful for such Grand Juries and they are hereby respectively required to present a Sum equal to the Amount of such Expences, to be raised from the County at large, for the Purpose of reimbursing such Treasurer.

VII. ' And whereas it frequently happens, that Persons having stolen or otherwise feloniously taken away Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in one of the Parts of the United Kingdom, carry the same into another Part of the said United Kingdom, and there have the said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects in their Possession or Custody; and Doubts may be entertained whether they could be indicted and tried in that Part of the United Kingdom where such Offenders have the said Money, Cattle, Goods, and other Effects, in their Possession or Custody, as the original Offence was not committed in such Part of the said United Kingdom; be it therefore further enacted and declared, That from and after the first Day of *August*, one thousand eight hundred and four, if any Person or Persons having stolen or otherwise feloniously taken Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in any one of the Parts of the said United Kingdom, shall afterwards have the same Money, Goods, Chattels, or other Effects, or any Part thereof, in his, her, or their Possession or Custody, in any other Part of the United Kingdom, it shall and may be lawful to indict, try, and punish such Person or Persons for Theft or Larceny, in that Part of the United Kingdom where he, she, or they shall so have such Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in his, her, or their Possession or Custody, as if the said Money, Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, had been stolen in that Part of the United Kingdom.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons in any one of the Parts of the United Kingdom shall hereafter receive or have any Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, stolen or otherwise feloniously taken in any other Part of the United Kingdom, knowing the same to have been stolen or otherwise feloniously taken, every such Person or Persons shall be liable to be indicted, tried, and punished for such Offences in that Part of the United Kingdom where he, she, or they shall so receive or have the said Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if the said Cattle, Goods, or other Effects, had been originally stolen or otherwise feloniously taken, in that Part of the United Kingdom in which such Person shall so receive or have such Cattle, Goods, or other Effects respectively.

No. 11.

45 George III. c. 92.—An Act to amend two Acts of the thirteenth and forty-fourth Years of his present Majesty, for the more effectual Execution of the Criminal Laws, and more easy apprehending and bringing to Trial Offenders escaping from one Part of the United Kingdom to the other, and from one County to another.—[10th. July 1805]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the thirteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual Execution of the Criminal Laws in the two Parts of the United Kingdom;" and by another Act passed in the forty-fourth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to render more easy the apprehending and bringing to Trial Offenders escaping from one Part of the United Kingdom to the other, and also from one County to another;" Provision is made for the apprehending of Offenders in *England, Scotland, and Ireland* respectively, so that such Offenders may be apprehended in one of the said Parts of the United Kingdom for Offences charged to have been committed within either of the other Parts of the same: And whereas there is no Provision made in the said Acts for admitting such Persons to Bail, who may be so apprehended for Offences which by Law are bailable: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in case any Person or Persons shall be apprehended in one of the said Parts of the United Kingdom for an Offence which was committed, or charged to have been committed, in either of the other Parts of the same, under any Warrant indorsed in such Manner as is in that Respect provided by virtue of either of the said recited Acts, such Person or Persons shall and may be taken before the Judge or Justice who indorsed the said Warrant, or before some other Justice or Justices of the County, Stewartry, City, Liberty, Town or Place where the same was indorsed; and in case the Offence be bailable in Law, and such Offender or Offenders shall be willing and ready to give Bail for his, her, or their Appearance, according to the Exigence of the said Warrant, such Judge or Justice or Justices by whom such Warrant was indorsed, or before whom any such Offender or Offenders shall be brought, shall and may proceed with such Offender or Offenders, and take Bail for him, her, or them, according to the Exigence of the said Warrant, in the same Manner as the Judge or Justice who originally issued the same should or might have done; and such Judge or Justice or Justices so taking Bail as aforesaid shall take the Recognizance or Bail Bond of the said Offender or Offenders, and of his, her, or their Bail, in Duplicate, and shall deliver one of such Dupli-

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44 G. 3. c. 92.

Parties apprehended in one Part of U. K. for Offences charged to be committed in any other Part thereof, shall be admitted to Bail, and Duplicates of the Bail Bond shall be delivered, one to the Officer apprehending, and the other to the Court of Exchequer, &c.

No. 11. cates to the Constable, or other Officer or Officers, or Person
 45 George III. or Persons so apprehending such Offender or Offenders as
 c. 92. aforesaid, who are hereby required to receive the same, and
 to deliver, or cause to be delivered such Recognizance or Bail
 Bond to the Clerk of the Crown, or Clerk of the Peace, or
 other proper Officer for receiving the same, belonging to the
 Court in which by such Recognizance or Bail Bond such Of-
 fender or Offenders shall be bound to appear, and such
 Recognizance or Bail Bond shall be as good and effectual in
 Law, to all Intents and Purposes, and of the same Force and
 Validity, as if the same had been entered into, taken, or
 acknowledged before a Judge or Justice or Justices of the
 Peace of the said County, Stewartry, City, Town, Liberty, or
 Place where the Offence was committed; and the said Judge
 or Justice or Justices so taking Bail as aforesaid, shall transmit
 the other of such Duplicates to the Court of Exchequer of such
 Part of the United Kingdom in which such Bail shall be taken,
 there to be kept of Record; and it shall and may be lawful
 for the Court, in which any Person so bound to appear shall for-
 feit his or her said Recognizance or Bail Bond, to transmit a
 Certificate, testifying the Forfeiture thereof, under the Seal
 of the Court, or under the Hand and Seal of one of the Judges
 or Justices of the same, to the Court of Exchequer, in that
 Part of the United Kingdom in which such Recognizance or
 Bail Bond shall have been taken; and it shall and may be
 lawful for such Court of Exchequer to proceed upon such
 Certificate to levy the Sum so forfeited, in the same Manner
 in which they may proceed upon any Recognizance or Bail
 Bond, taken and forfeited within the same Part of the United
 Kingdom, and estreated in due Course into the said Court:
 Provided always, that if such Offence be not bailable in Law,
 or such Offender or Offenders shall not give Bail for his, her,
 or their Appearance, according to the Exigence of such War-
 rant, the said Judge or Justice or Justices before whom such
 Offender or Offenders shall be brought, shall remand him,
 her, or them, to the Custody of the Constable or other Officer
 or Person who shall have apprehended such Offender or Offen-
 ders, and such Constable, Officer, or other Person shall pro-
 ceed to convey such Offender or Offenders into that Part of
 the United Kingdom wherein the Offence was committed, by
 such Ways and Means as are provided by the said recited Acts
 respectively.

Parties not
 bailable, nor
 bailed, shall be
 remanded to
 Custody as
 under recited
 Acts.

The Judge, &c.
 granting the
 original War-
 rant, shall write
 "not bailable,"
 on the Face of
 Warrants for
 Offences not
 bailable, &c.

II. And whereas it may happen by reason of the Differ-
 ence in the Law prevailing in the said different Parts of the
 United Kingdom that the Judge or Justice or Justices before
 whom any Offender or Offenders shall be brought under such
 Warrant so indorsed, may not know whether the Offence men-
 tioned in such Warrant be or be not bailable; for the better In-
 formation therefore of such Judge or Justice or Justices in that
 Particular, be it further enacted, That in case any Person sug-
 gesting out such Warrant shall shew, by Affidavit or otherwise, to
 the Satisfaction of the Judge or Justice granting such Warrant,

that it may be necessary to execute such Warrant in a Part of the United Kingdom different from that in which such Warrant is issued, and it shall appear also to the Judge or Justice granting such Warrant, that it is granted for an Offence for which it would not be lawful for any Judge or Justice or Justices, before whom such Offender or Offenders might be brought, by reason of the Indorsement of such Warrant as directed by the said recited Acts, to admit such Offender or Offenders to Bail, such Judge or Justice granting such Warrant shall, upon the Face of such Warrant, write the Words "not bailable;" and in all Cases in which such Words shall not have been so written, it shall and may be lawful for the Judge or Justice or Justices, before whom any Offender or Offenders may be brought under such Warrant so indorsed, to admit such Offender or Offenders to bail.

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c. 92.

III. 'And whereas it is fit to provide for the Appearance of Persons to answer in Cases where Warrants are not usually issued, and to give Evidence in Criminal Prosecutions in every Part of the United Kingdom;' be it further enacted, That the Service of every Writ of Subpœna, or other Process, upon any Person, in any one of the Parts of the United Kingdom, requiring the Appearance of such Person to answer or give Evidence in any Criminal Prosecution, in any other of the Parts of the same, shall be as good and effectual in Law as if the same had been served in that Part of the United Kingdom where the Person so served is required to appear; and in case such Person so served shall not appear according to the Exigence of such Writ or Process, it shall be lawful for the Court out of which the same issued, upon Proof made of the Service thereof, to the Satisfaction of the said Court, to transmit a Certificate of such Default under the Seal of the same Court, or under the Hand of one of the Judges or Justices of the same, to the Court of King's Bench in *England* in case such Service was had in *England*, or in case such Service was had in *Scotland*, to the Court of Justiciary in *Scotland*, or in case such Service was had in *Ireland*, to the Court of King's Bench in *Ireland*; and the said last mentioned Courts respectively shall and may thereupon proceed against and punish the Person so having made Default, in like Manner as they might have done if such Person had neglected or refused to appear in obedience to a Writ of Subpœna or other Process issued out of such last mentioned Courts respectively.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That none of such last mentioned Courts shall in any Case proceed against or punish any Person for having made Default by not appearing to give Evidence in obedience to any Writ of Subpœna or other Process for that Purpose, unless it shall be made to appear to such Court that a reasonable and sufficient Sum of Money to defray the Expences of coming and attending to give Evidence, and of returning from giving such Evidence, had been tendered to such Person at the Time when such Writ of Subpœna or other Process was served upon such Person.

Expence of Attendance on Writs of Subpœna shall be tendered to Witnesses.

No. 11. V. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted,
 45 George III. c. 92. That it shall not be lawful for any Judge or Justice to indorse by
 virtue of either of the said recited Acts or this Act any War-
 rant, unless the same shall appear to have issued, if in *Eng-
 land or Ireland* upon some Indictment found or Information
 filed, or if in *Scotland* upon some Libel or Criminal Letters
 raised and passed under the Signet of the Court of Justiciary,
 against the Person or Persons named in such Warrant, or un-
 less the same shall appear to have issued in respect of some
 Capital Crime or Felony mentioned in such Warrant; any
 Thing in this and the said recited Acts contained to the con-
 trary notwithstanding.

Before Warrants are acted upon, Proof shall be given of the Sealing, &c. thereof.
 VI. And be it further enacted and declared, That in all
 Cases in which any Warrant or Certificate shall, by virtue of
 either of the said recited Acts or this Act, be required to be
 acted upon in any Part of the United Kingdom, other than
 that in which the same was originally issued, it shall not be
 lawful for any Court, or any Judge or Justice to proceed to en-
 force or act upon the same, until it shall be proved upon Oath
 to such Court, Judge, or Justice, that the Seal, Signet, and
 Signature upon the same, are the Seal, Signet, and Signature
 respectively of the Court, Judge, or Justice, whose Seal, Sig-
 net, and Signature, the same respectively shall purport
 to be.

Repealed No. 13, post.
 VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing
 in this Act contained shall, with respect to any Prosecution
 depending before the passing of this Act, be deemed or taken
 by any Court to alter or affect in any Manner the Con-
 struction of the said Act of the forty-fourth Year of his Ma-
 jesty's Reign, if any Question should arise whether such Pro-
 secution be authorized by the true Intent and Meaning of the
 said Act.

Act shall not affect Prosecutions depending under 44 G. 3. c. 92.

No. 12.

48 George III. c. 58.—An Act for amending the Law
 with regard to the Course of Proceeding on Indict-
 ments and Informations in the Court of King's Bench
 in certain Cases; for authorising the Execution in
Scotland of certain Warrants issued for Offences
 committed in *England*; and for requiring Officers
 taking Bail in the King's Suit to assign the Bail
 Bonds to the King.—[1st. June 1808.]

No. 12. ' WHEREAS the Provisions contained in two Acts of
 48 George III. c. 58. ' the twenty-sixth and thirty-fifth Years of his pre-
 sent Majesty's Reign, for amending the Law with regard to
 26 G. 3. c. 77. ' the Course of Proceeding on Indictments and Informations
 5 18. ' in the Court of King's Bench, in certain Cases relating to
 35 G. 3. c. 96. ' the publick Revenue, have been found beneficial, and it is

‘expedient to extend the same to other Cases;’ be it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That whenever any Person shall be charged with any Offence for which he or she may be prosecuted by Indictment or Information in his Majesty’s Court of King’s Bench, not being Treason or Felony, and the same shall be made appear to any Judge of the same Court by Affidavit, or by Certificate of an Indictment or Information being filed against such Person in the said Court for such Offence, it shall and may be lawful for such Judge to issue his Warrant under his Hand and Seal, and thereby to cause such Person to be apprehended and brought before him or some other Judge of the same Court, or before some one of his Majesty’s Justices of the Peace, in order to his or her being bound to the King’s Majesty with two sufficient Sureties, in such Sum as in the said Warrant shall be expressed, with Condition to appear in the said Court at the Time mentioned in such Warrant, and to answer to all and singular Indictments or Informations for any such Offence; and in case any such Person shall neglect or refuse to become bound as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such Judge or Justice respectively to commit such Person to the Common Gaol of the County, City, or Place where the Offence shall have been committed, or where he or she shall have been apprehended, there to remain until he or she shall have become bound as aforesaid, or shall be discharged by Order of the said Court in Term Time, or of one of the Judges of the said Court in Vacation; and the Recognizance to be thereupon taken shall be returned and filed in the said Court, and shall continue in Force until such Person shall have been acquitted of such Offence, or in case of Conviction, shall have received Judgment for the same, unless sooner ordered by the said Court to be discharged; and that where any Person, either by virtue of such Warrant of Commitment as aforesaid, or by virtue of any Writ of *Capias ad Respondendum* issued out of the said Court, is now detained or shall hereafter be committed to and detained in any Gaol for want of Bail, it shall be lawful for the Prosecutor of such Indictment or Information to cause a Copy thereof to be delivered to such Person, or to the Gaoler, Keeper, or Turnkey of the Gaol wherein such Person is or shall be so detained, with a Notice thereon indorsed, that unless such Person shall, within Eight Days from the Time of such Delivery of a Copy of the Indictment or Information as aforesaid, cause an Appearance and also a Plea or Demurrer to be entered in the said Court to such Indictment or Information, an Appearance and the Plea of Not Guilty will be entered thereto in the Name of such Person; and in case he or she shall thereupon for the said Space of eight Days after such Delivery of a Copy of the Indictment or Information as aforesaid, neglect to cause an Appearance, and also a Plea or Demurrer to be entered in the said Court to such

No. 12.
George III.
c. 58.

When any Person is charged with any Offence (not being Treason or Felony) for which he may be prosecuted by Indictment or Information in K. B. : Upon Affidavit thereof, or on Certificate of Indictment, &c. being filed, any Judge of the Court may issue his Warrant to apprehend the Party; who shall be thereupon held to Bail to answer the Charge, or on Failure of Bail shall be committed : And if any Person in Custody for want of Bail shall not plead in 8 Days after Copy of Indictment, &c. and Notice to plead are delivered at the Gaol, the Prosecutor may enter the Plea of Not Guilty and proceed to Trial.

No. 12 Indictment or Information, it shall be lawful for the Prosecutor
 48 George III. of such Indictment or Information, upon an Affidavit being
 c 58. made and filed in the said Court, of the Delivery of a Copy of
 such Indictment or Information, with such Notice indorsed
 thereon as aforesaid, to such Person, or to such Gaoler,
 Keeper, or Turnkey, as the Case may be, which Affidavit
 may be made before any Judge or Commissioner of the said
 Court authorized to take Affidavits in the said Court, to cause
 an Appearance and the Plea of Not Guilty to be entered in
 the said Court to such Indictment or Information, for such
 Person, and such Proceedings shall be had thereupon as if the
 Defendant in such Indictment or Information had appeared
 and pleaded Not Guilty according to the usual Course of the
 said Court; and that if upon the Trial of such Indictment or
 Information any Defendant so committed and detained as
 aforesaid shall be acquitted of all the Offences therein charged
 upon him or her, it shall be lawful for the Judge before whom
 such Trial shall be had, although he may not be one of the
 Judges of the said Court of King's Bench, to order that such
 Defendant shall be forthwith discharged out of Custody as to
 his or her Commitment as aforesaid, and such Defendant shall
 be thereupon discharged accordingly.

Party acquitted
 may be dis-
 charged.

* 13 G. 3. c. 31. II. "And whereas by an Act made in the thirteenth Year
 of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the
 more effectual Execution of the Criminal Laws in the Two
 Parts of the United Kingdom," it is among other Things
 enacted, that if any Person or Persons against whom a War-
 rant shall be issued by any Justice or Justices of the Peace of
 any County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or
 Place within that Part of *Great Britain*, called *England*, for
 any Crime or Offence against the Laws of that Part of the
 United Kingdom, shall escape, go into, reside, or be in any
 Place of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, it shall be
 lawful for the Sheriff or Steward Depute or Substitute, or any
 Justice of the Peace of the County or Place where such Per-
 son or Persons shall escape, go into, reside, or be, to indorse
 his Name on the said Warrant, which Warrant so indorsed
 shall be a sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons bring-
 ing such Warrant, and to all Persons to whom such Warrant
 was originally directed, and also to all Sheriffs' Officers, Stew-
 ard's Officers, Constables, and other Peace Officers of the
 County or Place where such Warrant shall be indorsed, to
 execute the said Warrant in the County or Place where it is
 so indorsed, by apprehending the Person or Persons against
 whom such Warrant is granted, and to convey him, her, or
 them into that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, there to
 be dealt with in the Manner directed by the said Act; which
 Act has been amended by another Act, passed in the forty-
 fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An
 Act to amend two Acts of the thirteenth and forty-fourth
 Years of his present Majesty, for the more effectual Execution
 of the Criminal Laws, and more easy apprehending and

45 G. 3. c. 92.

* bringing to Trial Offenders escaping from one Part of the No. 12.
 * United Kingdom to the other, and from one County to 48
 * another;" and it is expedient that like Provision should be George III.
 * made for the Execution in *Scotland* of Warrants to be issued c. 28.
 * by other Persons than Justices of the Peace having Authority
 * to issue the same in *England*;" be it therefore enacted, That
 from and after the passing of this Act, all Clauses, Matters,
 and Things in the said recited Acts, whereby the Execu-
 tion in *Scotland* of any Warrant or Warrants issued by any
 Justice or Justices of the Peace in *England* for any Crime or
 Offence against the Laws of that Part of the United King-
 dom is authorized and regulated, shall extend to all War-
 rants issued by any of the Justices of his Majesty's Court of
 King's Bench in *England*, or of the Courts or Great Sessions
 in *Wales*, or by any Justice of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol
 Delivery or other Person having Authority to issue the same
 in *England*, for any Crime or Offence against the Laws of
that, in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and
 as if such last mentioned Justices and Persons were
 named in the said recited Acts.

Power under
 recited Acts as
 to Execution in
Scotland of
 Warrants of
 Justices of
 Peace issued in
England, ex-
 tended to War-
 rants issued by
 Judges of K. B.
 &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall
 arrested after the passing of this Act, by any Writ of
Capias and *Respondendum* issuing out of any of his Majesty's
 Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or out of the Superior Court
 of either of the Counties Palatine, or out of any of
 the Courts of Great Sessions in *Wales*, at the Suit of the King's
 Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, and the Sheriff or other
 Officer shall take Bail from such Person, the Sheriff or other
 Officer at the Request and Costs of the Prosecutor of such
 Writ shall assign to the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Suc-
 cessors, the Bail Bond taken from such Bail, by indorsing the
 same and attesting it under his Hand and Seal in the Pre-
 sence of two or more credible Witnesses, which may be done
 without any Stamp, provided the Assignment so indorsed be
 duly stamped before any Suit be commenced thereupon; and
 if such Bail Bond be forfeited, such Process shall thereupon
 issue as on Bonds originally made to the King's Majesty, his
 Heirs and Successors, and the Court in which such Bail
 Bond is put in Suit, may by Rule or Rules of the same Court
 give such Relief to the Defendant or Defendants as is agree-
 able to Justice and Reason.

Bail Bonds in
 the King's Suits
 shall be assign-
 ed by the Sher-
 iff, &c.

No. 13.

54 George III. c. 186.—An Act for the more easy ap-
 prehending and trying of Offenders, escaping from
 one Part of the United Kingdom to the other.—
 [30th. July 1814.]

* **W**HEREAS an Act passed in the thirteenth Year of his No. 13.
 * present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the 54 George III.
 * more effectual Execution of the Criminal Laws of the two c. 186.

No. 13. 'Parts of the United Kingdom;' And whereas another Act
 54 George III. 'passed in the forty-fourth Year of his present Majesty's
 c. 186. 'Reign, intituled "An Act to render more easy the apprehend-
 13 G. 3. c. 31. 'ing, and bringing to Trial, Offenders escaping from one Part
 44 G. 3. c. 92. 'of the United Kingdom to the other, and also from one County
 'to another:" And whereas another Act passed in the forty-
 45 G. 3. c. 92. 'fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled,
 ' "An Act to amend two Acts of the thirteenth and forty-
 ' fourth Years of his present Majesty, for the more effectual
 ' Execution of the Criminal Laws, and more easy apprehend-
 ' ing and bringing to Trial, Offenders escaping from one Part
 ' of the United Kingdom to the other, and also from one
 ' County to another:" And whereas it is expedient that the
 ' Restriction, in the said last recited Act contained, as to the
 ' Warrants to be indorsed under the said recited Acts, should
 ' be repealed, and that further Provision should be made for
 ' apprehending and Trial of Offenders escaping from one
 ' Part of the United Kingdom to the other: May it there-
 fore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it
 enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with
 the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
 and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
 Authority of the same, That so much of the said last recited
 45 G. 3. c. 92, 6, 'Act as enacts, that it shall not be lawful for any Judge or
 repealed. 'Justice to indorse any Warrant, unless the same shall appear
 to have issued, if in *England* or *Ireland*, upon some Indict-
 ment found or Information filed, or if in *Scotland*, upon some
 Libel or Criminal Letters raised and passed under the Signet
 of the Court of Justiciary, against the Person or Persons
 named in such Warrant, or unless the same shall appear
 to have issued in respect of some capital Crime or Felony
 mentioned in such Warrant; and that in all Cases in which
 any Warrant or Certificate shall be required to be acted
 upon in any Part of the United Kingdom, other than that in
 which the same was originally issued, it shall not be lawful
 for any Court, or any Judge or Justice, to proceed to enforce
 or act upon the same, until it shall be proved upon Oath to
 such Court, Judge or Justice, that the Seal, Signet and Signa-
 ture upon the same are the Seal, Signet and Signature respec-
 tively of the Court, Judge or Justice, whose Seal, Signet, and
 Signature the same respectively purport to be, shall be and the
 same are hereby repealed.

Warrants in-
 dorsed and act-
 ed upon in
 either Country,
 13 G. 3. c. 31,
 § 1, 2.

II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the
 passing of this Act, all Warrants issued in *England*, *Scotland*,
 or *Ireland* respectively, may and shall be indorsed and exe-
 cuted, and enforced and acted upon, in any Part of the United
 Kingdom, in such and the like Manner as is directed by the
 said first recited Act of the thirteenth Year of the Reign of his
 present Majesty, in relation to Warrants issued or granted
 in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, as fully and effectually,
 to all Intents and Purposes, as if all the Provisions of the said
 Act were in this Act severally and separately repeated and

re-enacted and made Part of this Act, as to every Part of the United Kingdom, and as to all Justices of the Peace, Sheriff's Officers, Constables or other Officer or Officers of the Peace in *Ireland*, as well as in *England* and *Scotland* respectively.

No. 13.
George III.
c. 186.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Judge of any of his Majesty's Courts of Record in *Westminster*, of the Court of Sessions in the County Palatine of *Chester*, or of any of the Courts of Great Sessions in *Wales*, or for any Judge of any of his Majesty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*, to indorse any Letters of second Diligence issued in *Scotland*, for compelling the Attendance of any Witness or Witnesses resident in *England*, *Wales* or *Ireland*, upon any Criminal Trial in *Scotland*; and such Letters shall upon such Indorsement have the like Force and Effect as the same would have in *Scotland*, and shall entitle the Bearer thereof to apprehend the Witness or Witnesses mentioned therein, and to convey such Witness or Witnesses to *Scotland*, for the Purposes of the Trial or Trials in respect of which such Letters shall have been issued, without any Tax of any Expence or Expences of any such Witness or Witnesses; any Thing contained in the said last recited Act of the forty-fifth Year aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding.

Judges, in either Country, to indorse Letters of Second Diligence.

(B)

EXAMINATION—BAIL—COMMITMENT.

No. 1.

3 Edward I. c. 15. — Which Prisoners be mainpernable, and which not. The Penalty for unlawful Bailment.

Cotton MS.

ET purceo qe les Viscoun-
tes, et autres, qi ount
pris et detenuz en prison
gentz rettez de felonie, neint-
foits ount lessez per plevine le
gent qe ne sont mie replevisa-
bles, et ount detenuz en pri-
sone ceux qe estoient reple-
visables, per acheson de ga-
ner de eux, et de graver les
autres. Et purceo qavant ces
houres ne fuist mie termine
certainement queux seurent
replevisables, et queux non,
fors pris ceux gestoient pris pur

“AND forasmuch as She-
riffs, and other, which
“have taken and kept in Pri-
“son Persons detected of Fe-
“lony, and incontinent, have
“let out by Replevin such
“as were not replevisable,
“and have kept in Prison
“such as were replevisable,
“because they would gain of
“the one party, and grieve
“the other; and forasmuch
“as before this Time it was
“not determined which Per-
sons were replevisable, and

No. 1.
3 Edward I.
c. 15.

Cotton MS.

No. 1.
3 Edward I.
c. 15.

What sort of
Offenders be
not mainper-
nable.

What sort of
Offenders be
mainpernable.

"which not, but only those
"that were taken for the
"Death of Man, or by Com-
"mandment of the King, or
"of his Justices, or for the
"Forest;" It is provided,
"and by the King commanded,
"that such Prisoners as before
"were outlawed, and they
"which have abjured the Realm,
"Provors, and such as be
"taken with the Manour, and
"those which have broken the
"King's Prison, Thieves open-
"ly defamed and known, and
"such as be appealed by Pro-
"vors, so long as the Provors
"be living (if they be not of
"good Name) and such as be
"taken for House-burning felo-
"niously done, or for false Mo-
"ney, or for counterfeiting the
"King's Seal, or Persons ex-
"communicate, taken at the
"Request of the Bishop, or
"for manifest Offences, or for
"Treason touching the King
"himself, shall be in no wise
"replevisable by the common
"Writ nor without Writ: But
"such as be indicted of Lar-
"ceny, by Enquests taken
"before Sheriffs or Bailiffs by
"their Office, or of light Sus-
"picion, or for petty Larce-
"ny that amounteth not above
"the value of xii d. if they
"were not guilty of some other
"Larceny aforesaid, or guilty
"of Receipt of Felons, or of
"Commandment, or Force, or
"of Aid in Felony done; or
"guilty of some other Tres-
"pass, for which one ought
"not to lose Life nor Member,
"and a Man appealed by a
"Provov after the Death of the
"Provov (if he be no common
"Thief, nor defamed) shall
"from henceforth be let out
"by sufficient Surety, whereof

mort de homme, ou per co-
maundement le Roi, ou de ses
Justices, ou per la foreste:
Parveu est, et comaunde per
le Roi, qe les prisons qi sont
avant utlagez, et ceux qi eient
forjure la terre, provors, ceux
qi sont pris ove mainoeuvre,
ceux qi ont depeche la pri-
son le Roi, larons aposite-
ment escries & notores, &
ceux qe sont appelez de pro-
vors tant come le provur vist,
& sils ne soient de bone fame,
& ceux qi sont pris par arsou
felonusement fait, ou pur faux
monoye, ou fausours du seal le
Roi, ou escomegne pris per
prie Levesque, ou per aperi-
te malvete, ou treson qe tou-
che le Roi mesmes, ne soient
en nul manere replevisables
per le commune brief, ne sanz
brief: Mes ceux qi sont endi-
tez de larcine per enquestes
des Viscontes ou de Bailiffs
prises de lour offices, ou per
leger suspencion, ou per petit
larcine, qe ne amonte outre
la value de xii. deniers, si ne
soit rette de autre larcine
avant celle heure, ou rette de
recettement des felons, ou de
comandement, ou de la force,
ou del eide de felonie fait; ou
rette d'autre trespas pur la que-
le homme ne doit perdre vie,
ne membre: Et homme appe-
le de provour puis la mort le
provour, sils [ne] soient aperi-
te larons escriez, soient deso-
remes lessez pur suffisant ple-
vin, dont le Viscount voile
respondre, & ceo sanz rein
doner de lour. Et si Viscount-
tes ou autres, lessent per
plevin nul qe ne soit reple-
visable, si cest Viscounte,
Conestable, ou autre Baillif
de fee & qe eit garde des pri-
sons, & de ceo soit atteint,

Cotton MS.

perde la fee & la baillie a touz
jours; & si souz-viscounte,
Conestable, ou Bailiff, celui
qui a tel lee pur garder les
prisons, eit ceo fait saunz la
volunte son seigneur, ou autre
baillif qe ne soit de fee, eit la
prison de trois ans, & soit
reint a la volunte le Roi. Et
si nul detaigne les prisons
replevisable, puis qe le prison
eit offert suffisante seurete, il
serra en la greve mercye le
Roi; & si pieigne lower pur
la delivierer, il rendra le doub-
le al prison, & ensement
serra en la greve mercye le Roi.

the Sheriff will be answer-
able, and that without giving
ought of their Goods. And
if the Sheriff, or any other,
let any go at large by Surety,
that is not replevisable, if
he be Sheriff or Constable,
or any other Bailiff of Fee,
which hath keeping of Pri-
sons, and thereof be attainted,
he shall lose his Fee and
Office for ever. And if the
Under-Sheriff, Constable, or
Bailiff of such as have Fee
for keeping of Prisons, do it
contrary to the Will of his
Lord, or any other Bailiff
being not of Fee, they shall
have three Years Imprison-
ment, and make Fine at the
King's Pleasure. And if any
withhold Prisoners replevis-
able, after that they have
offered sufficient Surety, he
shall pay a grievous Amer-
ciament to the King; and if
he take any Reward for the
Deliverance of such, he shall
pay double to the Prisoner,
and also shall be in the great
Mercy of the King.

No. 1.
3 Edward I.
c. 15
The Penalty
for unlawful
Mauprise.

The Penalty for
detaining a Pri-
soner that is
mainpenable.

No. 2.

4 Edward III. c. 10.—Sheriffs and Gaolers shall receive
Offenders without taking any Thing.

No. 3.

5 Edward III. c. 8.—The Marshals of the King's Bench
shall not bail Felons.

No. 4.

23 Henry VI. c. 9.—No Sheriff shall let to ferm his
County or any Bailiwick. The Sheriffs and Bailiffs
Fees and Duties in several Cases.

[See Pl. IV. Cl. III. No. 10.]

No. 5.

1 Richard III. c. 3.—Every Justice of Peace may let a Prisoner to Mainprise. No Officer shall seise the Goods of a Prisoner until he be attained.

No. 5. **F**ORASMUCH as divers Persons have been daily arrested and imprisoned for Suspicion of Felony, sometime of Malice, and sometime of a light Suspicion, and so kept in Prison without Bail or Mainprise, to their great Vexation and Trouble; Be it ordained and established by Authority of this present Parliament, That every Justice of Peace in every Shire, City, or Town, shall have Authority and Power, by his or their Discretion, to let such Prisoners and Persons so arrested, to Bail or Mainprise, in like Form as though the same Prisoners or Persons were indicted thereof of Record before the same Justices in their Sessions; and that Justices of Peace have Authority to inquire in their Sessions of all Manner Escapes of every Person arrested and imprisoned for Felony. And that no Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, nor Escheator, Bailiff of Franchise, nor any other Person, take or seise the Goods of any Person arrested or imprisoned for Suspicion of Felony, before that the same Person, so arrested or imprisoned, be convicted or attained of such Felony according to the Law, or else the same Goods otherwise lawfully forfeited; upon Pain to forfeit the double Value of the Goods so taken, to him that is so hurt in that Behalf, by Action of Debt to be pursued by like Process, Judgement and Execution, as is commonly used in other Actions of Debt sued at the Common Law; and that no Essoin or Protection be allowed in any such Action; nor that the Defendant in any such Action be admitted to wage or do his Law.

Every Justice of Peace may admit a Prisoner to Bail. Rep. 3. H. 7 c. 3. 1 & 2 Ph. & M. c. 13.

Escape of Felons inquirable by Justices of Peace.

No Officer shall seise the Goods of a Prisoner until he be attained, or the Goods forfeited.

No. 6.

3 Henry VII. c. 3.—Justices of Peace may let Prisoners to Bail. The Sheriff shall certify the Names of all his Prisoners at the Gaol delivery.

No. 6. **I**TEM, Where in the Parliament late holden at Westminster, the first Year of Richard, late in Deed, and not of Right, King of England, the Third; it was ordained and enacted among other divers Acts, That every Justice of the Peace in every Shire, City, or Town, should have Authority and Power, by his or their Discretion, to let Prisoners, and Persons arrested for light Suspicion of Felony, to Bail or Mainprise; by Colour whereof afterward divers Persons, such as were not mainpernable, were oftentimes letten to Bail and Mainprise, by Justices of the Peace, against the due Form of the Law, whereby many Murderers and Felons escaped, to the great Displeasure of the King, and Annoyance of his

3 Henry VII. c. 3. 1 R. 3. c. 3.

'iege People: Wherefore the King our said Sovereign Lord considering it, by the Advice and Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, hath ordained, established, and enacted, That the Justices of Peace in every Shire, City, or Town, or two of them at the least, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, have Authority and Power to let any such Prisoners, or Persons mainpernable by the Law, that have been imprisoned within their several Counties, City, or Town, to Bail or Mainprise, unto their next general Sessions, or unto the next Gaol-delivery of the same Gaols in every Shire, City, or Town, as well within Franchises as without, where any Gaols been or hereafter shall be; and that the said Justices of the Peace, or one of them, so taking any such Bail or Mainprise, do certify the same at the next general Sessions of the Peace, or the next general Gaol-delivery of any such Gaol within every such County, City, or Town, next following after any such Bail or Mainprise so taken, upon Pain to forfeit unto the King for every Default thereupon recorded *x. li.* And moreover it is enacted by the same Authority, That every Sheriff, Bailiff of Franchise, and every other Person, having Authority or Power of keeping of Gaol, or of Prisoners for Felony, in like Manner and Form do certify the Names of every such Prisoner in their Keeping, and of every Prisoner to them committed for any such Cause, at the next general Gaol-delivery, in every County or Franchise where any such Gaol or Gaols have been, or hereafter shall be, there to be kalendred before the Justices of the Deliverance of the same Gaol, whereby they may, as well for the King as for the Party, proceed to make Deliverance of such Prisoners according to the Law, upon Pain to forfeit unto the King for every Default thereof recorded, *C. s.* and that the foresaid Act giving Authority and Power in the Premises to any Justice of the Peace by himself, be in that Behalf utterly void and of none Effect by Authority of this present Parliament.

No. 6.
3 Henry VII.
c. 3.

Justices of the Peace may let a Prisoner to Mainprise, who is mainpernable. Enforced by 1 & 2 Phil. & Mar. c. 13.

The Sheriff shall certify the Names of all Prisoners in his Custody to the Justices of Gaol-delivery.

A Repeal of the Stat. of 1 R. 3. c. 3. touching bailing of Prisoners.

No. 7.

1 and 2 Philip and Mary, c. 13.—An Act touching Bailment of Persons.

'WHERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the third Year of the Reign of the Noble Prince King Henry the Seventh, it was among other Things ordained and enacted, That no Prisoner arrested for Felony, should be letten to Bail or Mainprise by any one Justice of Peace, but by the whole Justices, or at least by two of them, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*; since the making of which Estate, one Justice of Peace in the Name of himself and one other of the Justices his Companion, not making the

No. 7.
1 and 2 Philip and Mary, c. 13.

In what Manner Justices of Peace may bail Persons arrested of Felony, or Suspicion thereof, &c.
3 H. 7. c. 3.

No. 7.
1 and 2 Philip
and Mary,
c. 13.

‘said Justice party nor privy unto the Case wherefore the Prisoner should be bailed, hath oftentimes by sinister Labour and Means set at large the greatest and notablest Offenders, such as be not replevisable by the Laws of this Realm; and yet the rather to hide their Affections in that Behalf, have signed the Cause of their Apprehension to be but only for Suspicion of Felony, whereby the said Offenders have escaped unpunished, and do daily, to the high Displeasure of Almighty God, the great Peril of the King and Queen’s true Subjects, and Encouragement of all Thieves and Evil-doers.’

None shall be let to Bail which be forbidden to be bailed by the Stat. of 3 Ed. 1 c. 15.

II. For Reformation whereof, be it ordained and enacted by the King and Queen’s Majesties, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of April next coming, no Justice or Justices of Peace shall let to Bail or Mainprise any such Person or Persons, which for any Offence or Offences by them or any of them committed, be declared not to be replevised or bailed, nor be forbidden to be replevised or bailed by the Statute of *Westminster primer*, made in the Parliament holden in the third Year of the Reign of King Edward the First.

III. And furthermore, That any Person or Persons arrested for Manslaughter or Felony, or Suspicion of Man-laugther or Felony, being bailable by the Law, shall not after the said first Day of April be let to Bail or Mainprise by any Justices of Peace, if it be not in open Sessions, except it be by two Justices of Peace at the least, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, and the same Justices to be present together at the Time of the said Bailment or Mainprise; which Bailment or Mainprise they shall certify in Writing subscribed or signed with their own Hands, at the next General Gaol-delivery to be holden within the County where the said Person or Persons shall be arrested or suspected.

The Justice’s Duty in Bailment of a Prisoner.

IV. And that the said Justices, or one of them being of the *Quorum*, when any such Prisoner is brought before them for any Manslaughter or Felony, before any Bailment or Mainprise, shall take the Examination of the said Prisoner,

(1.) In *Rex v. Paine*, 1 Salk. 281, the Court ruled that the Deposition taken in a Case of Misdemeanour could not be read, the Witness being dead. The Court said, that in case of Felony such Depositions might be used in Evidence by this Statute, but it could not be extended further. But there is nothing in this Act, or in the next Number, (which extends the same Provisions to Cases where the Prisoner is committed) which ordains, that if the Deponent die his Depositions may be given in Evidence on the Trial. In 2 Hale, P. C. 52, it is said, ‘The Examinations, (viz. of the Party accused) may be read in Evidence against the Prisoner, and so may the Information of Witnesses taken upon Oath, if they are dead, or not able to travel, for they (the Justices) are Judges of Record, and the Statute enables and requires them to take these Examinations.’ The same Position is in 1 Hale, 308. 2 Hawk. Ch. 46. § 6. it is also said, that the Examination of an Informer taken by virtue of these Statutes, may be given in Evidence at the Trial of the Information or Indictment; if it be made out by Oath to the Satisfaction of the Court, that such Informer is dead, or unable to travel, or

and Information of them that bring him, of the Fact and Circumstances thereof, and the same, or as much thereof as shall be material to prove the Felony, shall put in Writing, before they make the same Bailment; which said Examination, together with the said Bailment, the said Justices shall certify at the next General Gaol-delivery, to be holden within the Limits of their Commission.

No. 7.
1 and 2 Philip
and Mary,
c. 13.
Examination of
him and others,
and certifying
thereof; 2 & 3
Ph. & M. c. 10.

V. And that every Coroner, upon any Inquisition before him found, whereby any Person or Persons shall be indicted for Murder or Manslaughter, or as Accessory or Accessories to the same before the Murder or Manslaughter committed, shall put in Writing the Effect of the Evidence given to the Jury before him, being material: And as well the said Justices as the said Coroner, shall have Authority by this Act to bind all such by Recognizance or Obligation, (2.) as do declare any

The Coroner's
Duty upon an
Inquisition
found before
him.

kept away by the Means or Procurement of the Prisoner. Sir Mic. Foster, enumerating the Instances wherein the Law makes a Difference between the Cases of *Petit* Treason and Murder, says that, 'Upon the Foot of 5 and 6 Ed. VI. Informations taken before Justices of Peace are not Evidence to ground a Conviction for *Petit* Treason if the Party be living, though unable to travel, or kept out of the Way by the Prisoner;' Cro. Law. 337; plainly intimating his Opinion of the Admissibility of such Evidence in Cases of Felony. In Webster's Case, Leach's Cro. Ca. 14, the Information of an Accomplice who died before Trial, is said to have been adjudged by Ld. Ch. Justice Lee to be admissible. In Bromwich's Case, 4 Lev. 180. 2 Jon. 53. it was ruled that Depositions before a Coroner were Evidence, if the Witness was dead or beyond Sea; but according to the Report in Jon, it was said, that those taken before a Justice of Peace can in no Case be read. Vide 1 Kelynge, 55. Harrison's Case, State Trials, 941. The Weight of Authorities upon the Point seems to be such, that it would be too late to reason to reasoning upon the Construction of the Act, although (were such Reasoning not excluded) the Exposition which has been given to it may be very disputable. Vide 3 T. R. 707, Rex v. Eriswell. Editor's Note to Rex v. Paine, in the sixth Edition of Salkeld.

(2.) In 2 Hale, P. C. 282. it is said, that the Justices who take the Examination of Witnesses may, before the Trial, bind over the Witnesses to appear at the Sessions, and in case of their Refusal to come, or to be bound over, may commit. In Barnet v. Wilson, 3 M. and S. 1. it was held, that no Action could be maintained for committing a *Feme Covert*, who did not find Surety to appear at the Trial, and said "she would not go; and Nobody should make her." The Decision was founded upon the positive Act of Statute; but, from some Expressions of the Court, it may be inferred to be the Inclination of their Opinion, that a Magistrate may commit an Infant or *Feme Covert*, not finding Sureties to appear to give Evidence for Felony. And in the Argument of Counsel for the Defendant it is said to be the uniform Practice, in case both of Infants and married Women, to require a Recognizance of some third Person, if they refuse to appear, and in case of Refusal of such Recognizance, to commit.

I have no Doubt that there have been many Instances of such Commitment; but, from a long Acquaintance with magisterial Functions, I am satisfied that it is very far from being an uniform Practice; and I think it would be extremely dangerous if the Law appeared to be otherwise upon Principle, to allow the Number of Instances which might be shewn to have taken place, of such Commitment, to have any Influence on the Decision of the Question, unless such Instances had been expressly sanctioned by the Authority of the superior Courts. I am especially when it is considered that those who, from their Situation, would be unable to prosecute the Party, would, in almost every Instance, be equally unable to obtain a Writ of Redress, either by Action or by Writ of Habeas Corpus. I will remember having read an Account of Lord Kenyon incidentally mentioning, that in

No. 7. Thing material to prove the said Murder or Manslaughter, Offences or Felonies, or to be Accessory or Accessories to the same as is aforesaid, to appear at the next General Gaol-delivery to be holden within the County, City or Town Corporate, where the Trial thereof shall be, then and there to give Evidence (3.) against the Party so indicted at the Time of his Trial; and shall certify as well the same Evidence as such Bond or Bonds in Writing, as he shall take, together with the Inquisition or Indictment before him taken and found, at or before the Time of his said Trial thereof to be had or made:

The Penalty of any Justice of Peace or Coroner omitting his Duty.

And likewise the said Justices shall certify all and every such Bond taken before them, in like Manner as before is said of Bailments and Examination: And in case any Justice of Peace or *Quorum*, or Coroner, shall after the said first Day of *April* offend in any Thing contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this present Act, that then the Justices of Gaol-delivery of the Shire, City, Town or Place, where such Offence shall happen to be committed, upon due Proof thereof by Examination before them, shall for every such Offence set such Fine on every of the same Justices of Peace and Coroner, as the same Justices of Gaol-delivery shall think meet, and shall estreat the same, as other Fines and Amerciaments assessed before Justices of Gaol-delivery ought to be.

Justices of Peace of London, Middlesex, &c.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Justices of Peace and Coroners within the City of London and the County of Middlesex, and in other Cities, Boroughs and Towns Corporate within this Realm and Wales, shall within their several Jurisdictions have Authority to let to Bail Felons and Prisoners, in such Manner and Form as they have been heretofore accustomed; this Act or any Thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding: And also shall take Examinations and Bonds, as is aforesaid upon every Bailment by them or any of them to be made; and shall certify every such Bailments, Bonds and Examinations by them or any of them taken or made, at the next Gaol-delivery to be holden within the Shire, City, Borough or Town, where

had seen a Calendar of Prisoners which contained such a Commitment, and expressing a decided Opinion of its Illegality. The Commitment in case of a Refusal seems to be a fair Exertion of the implied Authority given by the Statute; but, that the Inability of an Infant or married Woman to find collateral Surety for appearing to testify the Injury which they suffered, or the Crimes which they may be cognizant, should be a Ground for immuring them in a Prison from one Assizes to another, is an Injustice so flagrant and palpable, that it ought not to be imputed to the Law more any less Authority than the most express and unequivocal Mandate of the Legislature; and such Commitments, to use the Language of Sir Joseph Yates with respect to General Warrants, (*Money v. Leach*, 1 Bl. Rep. 555.) ought to be held so totally bad, that an Usage even from the Foundation of Rome itself would not make them good.

(3.) *Quære*, If the Magistrate can also compel a Recognizance to prefer an Indictment?—I was once consulted upon this Question, where the Person in whose Name a Forgery had been committed was willing to be bound to give Evidence, but refused to enter into the Recognizance to prefer the Indictment, and did not feel that I could safely advise the Magistrate to commit.

their several Jurisdictions extendeth, upon like Pain and Forfeiture as is before limited in this present Act.

VII. And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Writs of *Habeas Corpus* or *Certiorari* shall be hereafter granted to remove any Prisoner out of any Gaol, or to remove any Recognisance, except the same Writs be signed with the proper Hands of the Chief Justice, or in his Absence one of the Justices of the Court out of which the same Writs shall be awarded or made; upon Pain that he that writeth any such Writs, not being signed as is aforesaid, to forfeit to our said Sovereign Lord the King and the Queen, for every such Writ and Writs, five Pounds.

No. 7.
1 and 2 Philip
and Mary,
c. 13.

Removing of a
Prisoner or
Re

No. 8.

2 and 3 Philip and Mary, c. 10.—An Act to take Examination of Prisoners suspected of any Manslaughter or Felony.*

WHERE in the last Parliament holden at Westminster, amongst other Things it was enacted, That such Justices of the Peace as have Authority to bail any Prisoners brought before them for any Manslaughter or Felony, before any Bailment or Mainprise, should take the Examination of the said Prisoner, and Information of them that bring him, of the Fact and Circumstances thereof, and the same, or as much thereof as shall be material to prove the Felony, shall put in Writing before they make the same Bailment; which said Examination, together with the said Bailment, the said Justices shall certify at the next General Gaol-delivery to be holden within the Limits of their Commission, as by the same Act more plainly is contained, and may appear:

No. 8.
2 and 3 Philip
and Mary,
c. 10.

Justices of
Peace shall ex-
amine Persons
arrested of Fe-
lony, &c. and
shall bind their
Accusers to give
Evidence
against them.

II. And forasmuch as the said Act doth not extend to such Prisoners as shall be brought before any Justices of Peace for Manslaughter or Felony, and by such Justice shall be committed to ward for the Suspicion of such Manslaughter or Felony, and not bailed, in which Case the Examination of such Prisoner, and of such as bring him, is as necessary, or rather more than where such Prisoner shall be let to Bail or Mainprise: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That from henceforth such Justice or Justices, to whom any Person shall be brought for Manslaughter or Felony, or for the Suspicion thereof, where he or they shall commit and such Prisoner to Ward, shall take the Examination of such Prisoner, and Information of those that bring him, of the Fact and Circumstances thereof, and the same, or as much thereof as shall be material to prove the Felony, shall put in writing within five Days after the said Examination; and the same shall certify in such Manner and Form, and at such Time, as they should and ought to do, if such Prisoner so

A Justice of
Peace shall ex-
amine him that
is suspected of
Felony, before
he be commit-
ted to Prison.

* See the Notes to the last Number.

No. 8. committed or sent to Ward had been bailed or let to Main-
 2 and 3 Philip prise, upon such Pain as in the said former Act is limited and
 and Mary, appointed for not taking, or not certifying, such Examinations
 c. 10. as in the said former Act is expressed And be it further enacted,
 Binding of the That the said Justices shall have Authority by this Act, to
 Accusers to give Evidence against the Pri- bind all such by Recognisance or Obligation, as do declare
 soner, any Thing material to prove the said Manslaughter or Felony
 against such Prisoner as shall be so committed to Ward, to ap-
 pear at the next general Gaol-delivery to be holden within the
 County, City or Town Corporate where the Trial of the said
 Manslaughter or Felony shall be, then and there to give Evi-
 dence against the Party, and that the said Justices shall certify
 the said Bonds taken before them, in like Manner as they
 should and ought to certify the Bonds mentioned in the said
 former Act, upon Pain as in the said former Act is mentioned,
 for not certifying such Bonds as by the said former Act is limit-
 ed and appointed to be certified.

No. 9.

4 George III. c. 10.—An Act for the more easy Dis-
 charge of Recognizances estreated into his Majes-
 ty's Court of Exchequer.

No. 9.
 4 George III.
 c. 10.

WHEREAS many Recognizances have been estreated
 into his Majesty's Court of Exchequer against
 Persons for not appearing as Parties or Witnesses in his Ma-
 jesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or at the Assizes and
 General Quarter Sessions, or other Courts of Record in that
 Part of Great Britain called England, or for not prosecuting
 Indictments there, or otherwise not performing the Condi-
 tions in such Recognizances contained; many of which
 Neglects of Duty have happened by the Inattention of igno-
 rant People, some of whom are imprisoned, and a great
 Number of others liable to be so, by the Process constantly
 issued against them out of the Courts of Exchequer, and di-
 rected to the Sheriffs, though no other Prosecution be sub-
 sisting but merely for such forfeitures of their Recognizances,
 from which there are no other Means at present, for poor
 Persons especially, to procure any Discharge: For Remedy
 whereof, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty
 by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual
 and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament as-
 sembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and
 after the fifth Day of May one thousand seven hundred and sixty-
 four, it shall be lawful for the Barons of his Majesty's Court of
 Exchequer, upon Affidavit and Petition to be presented to them
 by or on the Behalf of the Person or Persons imprisoned, or liable
 to be imprisoned, on the Forfeiture of any such Recognizance,
 to discharge such Person or Persons, by Order from the
 said Barons, without any *Quittus* to be used out for that Pur-

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pose; for which Order no more than one Pound and one Shilling shall be taken by the Officer appointed to give out the same: Provided that no Discharge shall be given on such Petitions where any Debt is due to the Crown, other than by the Recognizances so prayed to be discharged; nor in any Cases of defrauding his Majesty's Revenue by contraband Trade, or assaulting his Majesty's Officers of the Customs or Excise in the Execution of their Duty, or any Person or Persons lawfully assisting them therein.

No. 9.
4 George III.
c. 10.
Fee payable upon such Order,
11 *rs.*
Debts due to the Crown;
Cases of Frauds by contraband Trade; and assaulting Officers of the Revenue excepted.

No. 10.

48 George III. c. 58.—An Act for amending the Law with regard to the Course of Proceeding on Indictments and Informations in the Court of King's Bench in certain Cases; for authorising the Execution in Scotland of certain Warrants issued for Offences committed in England; and for requiring Officers taking Bail in the King's Suit to assign the Bail Bonds to the King.—[1st. June 1808.]

[See A. 13, *supra*.]

(C)

INDICTMENTS—INFORMATIONS—AND
OTHER CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

No. 1.

9 Henry III. (*Magna Charta*) c. 34.—In what Case only a Woman shall have an Appeal of Death.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

NULLEUS capiatur aut imprisonetur propter appellum femine de morte alterius quam viri sui.

NO Man shall be taken or imprisoned upon the Appeal of a Woman for the Death of any other, than of her Husband.

No. 1.
9 Henry III.
c. 34.

No. 2.

Edward I. c. 14.—Appeal against the Principal and Accessary.

No. 3.

- 6 Edward I. c. 9.—One Person killing another in his own Defence, or by Misfortune. An Appeal of Murther.

[Inserted Cl. IV. No. 3.]

No. 4.

- 13 Edward I. c. 12.—The Appellant being acquitted, the Appellor and Abettors shall be punished. There shall be no Essoin for the Appellor.

No. 5.

- 13 Edward I. c. 13.—The Order of the Indictments taken in the Sheriff's Turn.

No. 6.

- 1 Edward III. st. 2. c. 17.—Indictments in the Sheriff's Turn shall be by Roll indented.

No. 7.

- 28 Edward III. c. 9.—No Writ shall be directed to a Sheriff to charge an Inquest to indict any.

No. 8.

- 4 Henry IV. c. 2.—The Words *Insidiatores viarum*, &c. shall not be put in any Indictments, &c.

[For the Object of this Act see 3 Inst. 41.—Barrington on Stat. 357.]

No. 9.

- 1 Henry V. c. 5.—In which Original Writs Additions of the Defendants Names shall be put.

[See Pt. IV. Cl. VI. No. 6.]

No. 10.

- 7 Henry V. c. 1.—A Remedy against those that indict others of Felony committed in a Place where there is none such. Process against Makers, &c. of false Deeds.

No. 11.

- 18 Henry VI. c. 12.—Appeals or Indictments of Felony committed in a Place where there is none such.

No. 12.

- 37 Henry VIII. c. 8.—The Act that any Indictment lacking these Words, *Vi & armis*, shall be good.

WHERE before this Time it was and yet is commonly used in all Indictments and Inquisitions of Treason, Murder, Felony, Trespass and divers other, to have comprised and put in every the same Indictments and Inquisitions these Words, *Vi et armis*, and in divers of the same Indictments to declare the Manner of the Force and Arms; that is to say, *Vi et armis, videlicet, baculis, cultellis, arcubus et sagittis*, or such other like Words in Effect, where of Truth the Parties so indicted had no manner of such Weapons at the Time of the said Offence committed and done; yet in Default and Lack of the same Words, the said Indictments were and yet be taken as void in the Law, for to put any Person to answer thereunto: And the Party or Parties so indicted, for lack of the same Words not being comprized and put in the said Indictments, have taken Advantage thereof, and have avoided the same Indictments by Writ or Writs of Error, or by Plea upon this or their Appearance, as the same Case did require: For Reformation whereof, be it enacted by the King our Sovereign Lord, with the Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord God next coming, these Words, *Vi et armis, viz. cum baculis, cultellis, arcubus et sagittis*, or such other like, shall not of Necessity be put or comprised in any Inquisition or Indictment; nor that the Party or Parties being hereafter indicted of any Offence, shall have or take any Advantage by Writ or Writs of Error, Plea or otherwise, to avoid or avoid any such Inquisition or Indictment, for that, that the said Words *Vi et armis, viz. baculis, cultellis, arcubus et sagittis*, or any of the same or like Words, shall not be put or comprised in the said Inquisitions or Indictments: But that the same Inquisitions or

No. 12.
37 Henry VIII.
c. 8.

Indictments
lacking *Vi &*
armis shall be
good in Law.

The Words

No. 12. Indictments, and every of them, lacking the said Words, *Vi et armis, viz baculis, cultellis, arcibus et sagittis*, or any of them, shall from thenceforth, by the Authority aforesaid, be taken, deemed and adjudged, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as good and effectual in the Law, as the same Inquisitions and Indictments, having the said Words, *Vi et armis, viz baculis, cultellis, arcibus et sagittis*, comprised and put in every of the same Inquisitions and Indictments were or heretofore have been taken, deemed or adjudged, any Law, Usage or Custom heretofore had and used to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, at any Time after the said Feast of the Nativity of our Lord God next coming, do steal any Horse, Gelding, Mare, Fole or Filly, and thereof be found guilty by the Verdict of twelve Men, or by his own Confession be attainted, or otherwise be indicted for the stealing of any Horse, Gelding, Mare, Fole or Filly, and thereupon arraigned, and do stand Mute of Malice or froward Mind, or challenge peremptory above the Number of twenty, or else will not answer directly to the same Indictment and Felony whereupon he is so arraigned, that then every such Person and Persons shall not from henceforth be admitted to have the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer Death in such Manner and Form as they should have, if they were no Clerks.

No. 13.

4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 18. — An Act to prevent malicious Informations in the Court of King's Bench, and for the more easy Reversal of Outlawries in the same Courts.

[See P. IV. Cl. XIV. No. 12.]

No. 14.

4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 22. — An Act for regulating Proceedings in the Crown Office in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster.

No. 14. 4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 22. **F**OR rectifying the Proceedings in the Crown Office in their Majesties Court of *King's Bench*, and for the greater Ease of all their Majesties Subjects who shall hereafter be prosecuted in the same, be it enacted by the King's and Queen's most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that no Corporation, Lord or Lords of Manors, or

enacted by the
statute of the
3d Henry VIII.
c. 8.
shall be put in
an indictment

He that is at-
tainted for the
stealing of a
Horse shall not
have the Benefit
of Clergy.

Persons having
Grants by
Charters and
inrolled, not
bound to plead
them to an In-
quisition.

other Person or Persons, having Grants by Charter, or other good Conveyances, who have inrolled, and had the same allowed, in and by the said Court, shall hereafter be compelled to plead the same, to any Inquisition returned by any Coroner; any Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: And if there be any Corporations, Lord or Lords of Manors, or other Person or Persons, who now have, or hereafter shall have such Charters or Grants from the Crown, for Felons Goods, Deodands, and other Forfeitures, such Corporations, Lords of Manors, and other Persons, shall not be compelled to inroll their whole Charters and Grants, but bring in the same to the Clerk of the Crown of the said Court, he shall inroll and enter upon Record so much thereof, as may express and set forth the Grants of such Felons Goods, Deodands, and Forfeitures, and no more; for doing whereof he shall have and receive twenty Shillings for his Fee and Entry thereof, and no more; and from and after such Inrollment, no Corporation, Lord of Manor, or other Person or Persons, Grantees of such Goods or Forfeitures, shall be compelled to plead the same in the said Court, to any Inquisition there-after filed therein, touching any Goods found thereby; any Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

No 11.
and 5 William
and Ma
c. 22.

How much of
Grants, &c.
must be entered.

After such Entry,
Grantee
discharged from
pleading to
Inquisition.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Clerk of the Crown of the said Court shall hereafter issue out any Process against any Corporation, Lord of Manor, or other Person or Persons Grantees of such Felons Goods, Deodands, and other Forfeitures, after Inrollment or Entry as aforesaid, the said Clerk of the Crown shall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay to the Corporation or Party grieved thereby, the Sum of five Pounds, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of their Majesties Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoin, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be admitted, nor any more than One Imparlance.

Penalty upon
Clerk of the
Crown issuing
Process after
such Entry;

III And whereas divers Persons, having Grants of Felons Goods and Deodands, and inrolled and pleaded as aforesaid, do many Times alien and convey their Interests therein to other Person or Persons, or by their last Wills do devise the same, or by their Deaths such Estates do descend to their Heirs, whereby the Clerk of the Crown of the said Court is rendered incapable to discern where such Interest lies, until the Person or Persons, to whom such Estates are conveyed, devised, or descended, shall come into the said Court, and make Entry of such their Claim as aforesaid; he it therefore hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Clerk of the Crown of the said Court for the Time being, nor any succeeding Clerk there, shall incur any Penalty mentioned in this Act, for issuing Process against any Person or Persons, who shall not, upon every Purchase of the Title of such Felons Goods and Deodands, inroll and plead the same Purchase in the said Court; nor against any Devisee of the like Estate, who shall not likewise inroll or plead such De-

except against
Heirs, &c.

No. 14. *4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 22.* vise; nor against any Heir who shall not in like Manner inroll his or her Right by Descent to the same, and until after such Pleas have been allowed of, and approved by the said Court; nor where by any Inquest of any Coroner or Coroners, the Goods of any Felon or Felons, or Deodands, shall be by such Inquest not found to be in the Hands of such Purchaser, Devisee, or Heir, or their respective Officer or Officers in Trust for them respectively.

A Proclamation at the Time of the Exigent in criminal Cases, to be delivered three Months before Return.

31 El. c. 34

Act to continue three Years.

‘ IV. And whereas it is agreeable to Justice that Proceedings to Outlawries in criminal Causes should be as publick and notorious as in civil Causes, because the Consequences to Persons outlawed in criminal Causes are more fatal and dangerous to them and their Posterities, than in any other Causes;’ be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the issuing of any Exigent out of any of their Majesties Courts, against any Person or Persons for any criminal Matter, before Judgment or Conviction, there shall issue out a Writ of Proclamation, bearing the same Test and Return, to the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County, City, or Town Corporate, where the Person or Persons in the Record of the said Proceedings is or are mentioned to be or inhabit, according to the Form of the Statute made in the one and thirtieth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Elizabeth*, of blessed Memory, which Writ of Proclamation shall be delivered to the said Sheriff or Sheriffs three Months before the Return of the same.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue and be in Force for three Years, from the five and twentieth Day of *March*, one thousand six hundred ninety-three, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer. [Made perpetual by 7 & 8 W. 3. cap. 36. § 4.]

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PROCESS — OUTLAWRY.

No. 1.

28 Edward I. st. 2.— What Process shall be awarded against those that be appealed by Approvers.

No. 2.

Edward III. c. 11.— Process against those that be appealed, indicted, or outlawed in one County, and remain in another.

No. 3.

5 Edward III. c. 13.—What is requisite where any Person will avoid an Outlawry by Imprisonment.

[See Pt. IV. Cl. IV. No. 2.]

No. 4.

18 Edward III. st. 1.—Declaring in what Cases and for what Offences Exigents shall be awarded.

Cotton MS. Nero, C. 1.

ACCORDE est et establi qe desore de ceux qe serrount ou ount estees Resceivours dez deniers le Roy ou de sez leyns queux ils pernent du poeple e lez alloignent et deteignent issint qe nostre Seignur le Roi ne poet ent estre suy De ceux qe ameignent lez leynz per dela saunz estre cokettes ou saunz paier custume et subsidie as queux ils sont assis et dez costumers et tronours queux les suffrent as damage le Roy Et de les Ministers qe resceivent lez deniers le Roy et lez reteignent conspiratours confederatours et maintenours dez faux querelz et de ceux qe mesnent routez en prevence dez Justices ou dautres Ministrez le Roy ou aillours es Counteez en affray de poeple issint qe la ley ne se poet pas ent faire et auxibien de ceux qe portent ou veignent en lour compaigniez come de ceux qe portent le faux monnee en devent de poeple toutz ceux en cas qe ils ne purrount estre trovez ou mesnez en responce per attachement ou distress pur le profit le Roi qe lexicend soit don et suy et semye dez autres.

No. 4.

18 Edward III.
st. 1.

No. 5.

18 Edward III. st. 2. c. 5.—No Exigent shall be granted in Trespass, but where it is against the Peace.

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ITEM qe nul exigende iue desormes en cas ou homme est enditez de trespas qe ne soit encontre la pees ne des choses qe ne sont contenues en la declaratiqn fait de ce cas en derrein parlement tenuz a Westm'.

ITEM, That no Exigent shall from henceforth go out, in case where a Man is indicted of Trespass, unless it be against the Peace, or of Things which be contained in the Declaration made in this Case at the last Parliament holden at Westm'ster.

No. 5.

18 Edward III.
st. 2. c. 5.

No. 6.

25 Edward III. st. 5. c. 14. — What Process shall be awarded against him that is indicted of Felony.

No. 6.
25 Edward III.
st. 5. c. 14.

ITEM it is accorded, That after any Man be indicted of Felony before the Justices in their Sessions to hear and determine, it shall be commanded to the Sheriff to attach his Body by Writ or by Precept, which is called a *Capias*. And if the Sheriff return in the same Writ or Precept, that the Body is not found, another Writ or Precept of *Capias* shall be incontinently made, returnable at three Weeks after. And in the same Writ or Precept it shall be comprised, that the Sheriff shall cause to be seised his Chattles, and safely to keep them till the Day of the Writ or Precept returned. And if the Sheriff return, that the Body is not found, and the Indictce cometh not, the Exigend shall be awarded, and the Chattles shall be forfeit, as the Law of the Crown ordaineth; but if he come and yield himself, or be taken by the Sheriff, or by other Minister, before the Return of the second *Capias*, then the Goods and Chattles shall be saved.

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Et auxint est acorde et assentu qe apres ceo qe aucun homme soit endite de felonie devant Justices en lour sessions doier et terminer soit comande au viscount dattacher son corps par brief ou precept qest appelle *Capias* et le viscount retourne en le dit brief ou precept qe le corps ne soit mie trovee maintenant soit autre brief ou precept de *Capias* fait retournable as trois symeignes apres. Et en meisme le brief ou precept soit compris qe le viscount face seisir les chateaux et les sauvement garder tanqe a jour de brief ou precept retournable. Et si le viscount respoigne qe le corps nest pas trovee ne lendite vient point soit lexicend agarde & soient les chateaux forfaitz sicome la lei de la corone demand Mes sil veigne & se rend ou soit pris par viscount ou par autre ministre devant le retourne del secunde *Capias* adonques soient les biens & les chateux sauvez.

No. 7.

2 Henry V. stat. 1. c. 5. — Process against Felons dwelling in *Tyndal* or *Exhamshire* in *Northumberland*.

No. 8.

Henry V. stat. 1. c. 9. — A Remedy to punish him that doth commit Felony, and flee into an unknown Place.

No. 9.

9 Henry V. c. 7.—The Statute provided 2 *H. 5. Stat. 1. c. 5.* for Offenders in *Tyndal* and *Exhamshire*, shall be extended against the like Offenders in *Ridesdale*.

No. 10.

6 Henry VI. c. 1.—Within what Time a *Capias* awarded against any Person indicted in the King's Bench, shall be returnable.

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EN primes pur ceo qe divers des loialx lieges nostre dit Seigneur le Roy par faux ymagination commettement et conspiracie des certains malesours sont enditez devaunt le Roy en son bank de diverses felonies et tresons par jurours suspectz et a ceo par confederacie et conjecture des ditz conspirateurs lowez et procurez par force des queux enditementz capias est agarde al viscount del countee ou le dit Bank est retournable deinz deux ou quatre jours a quell jour si la partie endite ne veigne exigend' est agarde par qui les biens et chateux des ditz enditz sont forfaitz au Roy a final destruction de divers des loialx lieges de nostre dit Seigneur le Roy si come mesme nostre Seigneur ad conceu a la grevoue complaint des ditz Communes a luy faite en le dit parlement nostre dit Seigneur le Roy voillant en ceo cas purvoir de remedie ad ordine par advys et assent suisditz qe avant qe ascun exigende soit agardez envers tielx enditez devaunt le Roy en son dit Bank soient briefs de capias directz sibien al viscount ou viscountz del countee en la quell ils sont ensi enditez come al viscount

FIRST, For that divers of the King's faithful Subjects, by false Practice, Covin, and Conspiracy of certain evil Persons, be indicted before our Lord the King in his Bench, of divers Felonies and Treasons, by suspect Jurors, hired and procured to the same by Confederacy and Covin of the said Conspirators; by Force of which Indictments a *Capias* is awarded to the Sheriffs of the County where the said Bench is, returnable "within two or four Days, at which Day, if the Party so indicted come not, an *Exigent* is awarded, whereby the Goods and Chattles of such Persons indicted be forfeit to our Lord the King, to the utter Undoing of divers of the King's faithful Subjects, as the same our Lord the King hath conceived by the grievous Complaint of the said Commons, made to him in the said Parliament;" our said Lord the King, willing in this Case to provide Remedy, hath ordained, by the Advice and Assent afore-said, That before any *Exigent* be awarded against such Persons indicted before the King in his said

No. 10.
6 Henry VI.
c. 1.

No. 10.
6 Henry VI.
c. 1.

‘Bench, Writs of *Capias* shall be directed as well to the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County wherein they be indicted, as to the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County whereof they be named in the Indictments; the same *Capias* having the Space of six Weeks at the least, or longer Time, by the Discretion of the said Justices, if the Case require it, before the Return of the same; which Writs so returned, the Justices shall proceed in the Manner as they have done before this Time: And if any *Exigent* be awarded, or any Outlawry pronounced hereafter against such Persons indicted, before the Return of the said Writs, the same *Exigent* so awarded, with the Outlawry thereof pronounced, shall be void and holden for none. And this Ordinance shall endure as long as shall please the King.’

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ou viscountz del countee dount ils sont nomez en les enditementz aiantz mesmes les *capias* lespace des sys sepmaines au meynes ou plus long temps par les discretions des Justices si le cas ceo requirt devant la retourne dicelles les queux briels issint retournez procedent les Justices en maner come ils ont fait devaunt ces heures et si ascune exigende soit agarde ou ascune ulgarie pronuncie en apres envers tielx enditez devaunt le retourne des ditz briels soit celle exigende issint agarde avec la ulgarie ent pronuncie voide et tenuz per null. Et durera ceste ordinance tauquil plerra a nostre Seignur le Roy.

No. 11.

8 Henry VI. c. 10.—Process awarded against those which dwelling in foreign Counties be indicted or appealed.

No. 11.
8 Henry VI.
c. 10.

The Inconveniences of indicting or appealing any Person in one County that is conversant in another.

‘ITEM, Our Lord the King considering how divers Persons for their private Revenge, and not of Right, maliciously by subtil imagination have caused and procured many of his faithful liege People falsely to be indicted and appealed of several Treasons, Felonies, and Trespasses, before Justices of the Peace, and other Commissioners and Justices, and others having Power to take Indictments or Appeals in divers foreign Counties,

ITEM nostre Seignur le Roy considerant coment diverses personnes par leur singular vengeance & nient de droit malicieusement par subtil ymagination ont faitz & procurez de fauxment enditer & appeller diverses de sez loialx lieges de diverses tresors felonies & trespass devaunt justices de peas & autres commissioners & justices & autres aiantz poair de prendre enditementz ou appelles en diverses foreins countees libertees & franchises d’Angleterre en queux les ditz

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lieges ne sount ne unques feussent conversantz ne demurantz par force des queux enditementz & appellez & les processess sur eux faitz en les ditz countees fraunchisez & libertees les ditz persones ensy enditez ount este & de jour en autre sount mys en exigent & puis utlagez & sur ceo lour biens & chatieus terres & tenementz forfaitz & eux en grande perile de lour vies la ou les ditz persones ensy enditez appelez ou mys en exigent ou utlagez navoient unqs conissance de tielx enditementz apelles exigentz ne utlagaries les queux faurine & malice de jour en autre habundent & encressent en divers countees libertees & fraunchises dEngleterre en graunt anientesment perde & perpetuell destruction de plusours de sez ditz foialx & innocentz lieges & veriseimblable est dencresser en apres si remedie covenable ne soit ordene & purveu en celle partie.

Et pur ceo mesme nostre Seignur le Roy de sa grace especialle & par auctoritee de cest parlement pur cene salvation & tranquillite de sez foialx lieges de cest Roialme ad fait ordiner & establir qe sur chescun enditement ou appelle par la quelle aucuns des ditz lieges demurrantz en autres countees qe la ou tel enditement ou appelle soit ou serra pris de treason felonie & trespass apprenre en apres devant justices de peas ou devant aucun autre aiant poeir

"Liberties, and Franchises of
"England in which the said
"Lieges be not, nor at any
"Time were, conversant nor
"dwelling; by Force of which
"Indictments and Appeals,
"and the Processess upon them
"made in the said Counties,
"Franchises, and Liberties,
"the said Persons, so indicted,
"have been, and daily be put
"in Exigent, and after outlaw-
"ed, and thereupon their
"Goods and Chatties, Lands
"and Tenements forfeit, and
"they in great Jeopardy of
"their Lives, whereas the said
"Persons so indicted, appeal-
"ed, or put in Exigent, or out-
"lawed, had never Knowledge
"of such Indictments, Ap-
"peals, Exigents, or Outlaw-
"ries; which Falshood and
"Malice daily doth abound
"and increase in divers Coun-
"ties, Liberties, and Fran-
"chises of England, in great
"Hinderance, Loss, and per-
"petual Destruction of many
"of his said faithful and inno-
"cent liege People, and very
"likely to increase hereafter,
"if convenient Remedy be not
"ordained and provided in
"this Behalf."

No. 11.
3 Henry VI.
c. 10.

"II. And therefore the same
"our Lord the King, of his
"special Grace, and by Autho-
"rity of this Parliament, for
"Ease and Tranquillity of his
"faithful Lieges of this Realm,
"hath caused to be ordained and
"established, That upon every
"Indictment or Appeal by the
"which any of the said Lieges
"dwelling in other Counties
"than there where such In-
"dictment or Appeal is or shall
"be taken of Treason, Felony,
"and Trespass, to be taken
"hereafter before the Justices

Process upon
Indictments of
Persons dwell-
ing in foreign
Counties.

No. 11.
 3 Henry VI.
 c. 12.

of Peace, or before any other
 having Power to take such
 Indictments or Appeals, or
 other Commissioners or Jus-
 tices in any County, Fran-
 chise, or Liberty of England,
 before any *Exigent* awarded
 upon any Indictment or Ap-
 peal in the Form aforesaid
 to be taken, that presently
 after the first Writ of *Capias*
 upon every such Indictment
 or Appeal awarded and re-
 turned, that another Writ of
Capias be awarded, directed
 to the Sheriff of the County,
 whereof he which is so in-
 dicted is or was supposed to
 be conversant by the same
 Indictment, returnable before
 the same Justices or Commis-
 sioners before whom he
 indicted or appealed at a cer-
 tain Day, containing the Space
 of three Months from the
 Date of the said last Writ,
 where the Counties be holden
 from Month to Month; and
 where the Counties be holden
 from six Weeks to six Weeks,
 he shall have the Space of
 four Months, until the Day of
 the Return of the same Writ;
 by which Writ of second *Ca-
 pias*, be it contained and
 commanded to the same Sher-
 riff, to take him which is so
 indicted or appealed, by his
 Body, if he can be found
 within his Bailiwick; and if
 he cannot be found within his
 Bailiwick, that the said Sher-
 riff shall make Proclamation
 in two Counties before the
 Return of the same Writ, that
 he which is so indicted or ap-
 pealed shall appear before
 the said Justices or Commis-
 sioners in the County, Liberty,
 or Franchise where he is in-
 dicted or appealed, at the Day

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de tielx enditementz ou ap-
 pelles prendre ou autres com-
 missioners ou justice en aucun
 countee franchise ou liberte
 d'Engleterre devant aucun ex-
 igend' agarde sur aucun endi-
 tement ou appelle en la forme
 avaunt dite aprendre qe main-
 tenant apres le primere briete
 de *capias* sur chescun tiel en-
 ditement ou appelle agarde &
 retourne qe un autre briete de
capias soit agarde drecte al
 viscount del countee dont cel-
 luy q' est ensy enditez est ou
 tust suppose estre conversant
 parmesme lenditement retour-
 nable devant mesmes les justi-
 ces ou commissioners devant
 queux il est endite ou appelle
 a un certain jour contenant la
 space de trois mois de la date
 du dit darrein briete ou les
 countes se teignent de mois en
 mois & la ou les countes sont
 tenuz de sys sepmaines en sys
 sepmaines ait le space du qua-
 tre mois tanqal jour de retourne
 de mesme le briete par quel
 briete de seconde *Capias* soit
 contenuz & comande a mes-
 me le viscount de prendre
 celuy q' est ensy endite ou
 appelle par son corps sil poet
 estre trouve deinz sa baillie.
 Et sil ne poet mye estre trouve
 deins sa baillie qe le dit vis-
 count face proclamation en
 deux countees devant le re-
 tourne de mesme le briete qe
 celuy q'est ensy endite ou ap-
 pelle appierge devant les ditz
 justices ou commissioners en le
 countee liberte ou franchise
 ou il est endite ou appelez al
 jour contenu en le dit darrein
 briete de *Capias* a respoudre
 a nostre dit Seigneur le Roy &
 au partie de la felonie treson
 ou trespasse dont il est ensy
 enditez ou appelez apres quel

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second briefe de Capias ensy
servy & retournee si celui q
est ensy enditez ou appelez
ne veigne al jour de meisme le
briefe de Capias retourne soit
exigend' agardez envers tielx
endites ou appelez & chescun
de eux.

Et si ascun exigend' enapies
soit agarde sur ascun tiel en-
ditement ou appelle contre la
fourme avaundite ou ascun
utlagarie sur ceo pronunciez
soit sibien cell exigend' ensy
agarde come la utlagarie sur
ceo pronuncie et chescun de
eux tenuz pur null et void et
qe la partie sur qi tiel exigend'
encountre la fourme avaun-
dite soit agarde ou utlagarie
pronuncie ne soit endamage
ne mys et perde de ses biens
ou chatieuz terres ou tenementz
ne de sa vie.

Purveu toutz loitz qe lestat-
ut fait en le darrein parlement
des processez affaires en tielx
cases devant le Roy en son
Bank estoise en sa force. Et
enoutre meisme nostre Seignur
le Roy ad grantee par aucto-
rite suisdite qe chescun endi-
tez ou appelle en la fourme
avaundite de cy enavaunt
apres ceo qil soit par verdict
duement acquitee qil cite briefe
et action sur son cas envers
chescun procurour de tielx
enditementz ou appellez et soit

contained in the said last
Writ of Capias, to answer to
our Lord the King, or to the
Party, of the Felony, Treas-
on, or Trespass, whereof he
is so indicted or appealed;
after which second Writ of
Capias so served and re-
turned, if he which is so in-
dicted or appealed come not
at the Day of the same
Writ of Capias returned, the
Exigent shall be awarded
against such Persons indicted
or appealed, and every of
them.

III. And if any Exigent
hereafter be awarded upon
any such Indictment or Ap-
peal against the Form afore-
said, or any Outlawry be
upon that pronounced, as
well the Exigent so awarded,
as the Outlawry upon that
pronounced, and every of
them, shall be holden for
none and void; and that the
Party upon whom such Ex-
igent against the Form afore-
said is awarded, or Outlawry
pronounced, be not endam-
aged, nor put to Loss of
his Goods or Chattles, Lands,
or Tenements, nor of his
Life.

IV. Provided always, An Action up-
on the Case
That the Statute made in the maintainable by
last Parliament, of Processez the Party in-
to be made in such Case be dicted or ap-
fore the King in his Bench, pealed against
stand in his Force. And more the Procurer
over, the same our Lord the of the same.
King hath granted by Autho-
rity aforesaid, That every
Person indicted or appealed
in the Form aforesaid from
henceforth, after that he be
duly acquit by Verdict, that he
shall have a Writ and Action
upon his Case, against every

No. 11.
8 Henry VI.
c. 16.

No. 11. *Procureur of such Indictments*
 8 Henry VI. *or Appeals; and like Process*
 c. 10. *shall be upon and in the same*
Writ, as in a Writ of Tres-
pass done with Force and
Arms; and if such Procurer
he attained in his Behalf,
that the Plaintiff shall recover
his treble Damages.

A Man indicted
 or appealed in
 the Country
 where he is
 conversant
 shall be prose-
 cuted as for-
 merly.

V. Provided always,
That this Ordinance shall not
extend to Indictments or Ap-
peals taken or to be taken
within the county of Chester.

VI. Provided also, That
if any of the said Lieges, or
any of their Heirs, be or
shall be appealed or indicted
of Felony or Treason, and at
the Time of the same Felony
or Treason supposed, he is
and was conversant within
the County whereof the In-
dictment or Appeal maketh
Mention, the like Process be
made against such Person so
indicted or appealed, as hath
been always used before this
Time.

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autiele processee sur et en
mesme le briefe come en briefe
de trespas fait ove force et
armes et si tiel procurour soit
atteint en celle partie qe le
plaintif recovere sez damages
au treble.

Purveu toutz foitz qe cest
ordinance ne se extende mye
as enditementz ou appelez
prizez ou apprendrez deinz
le countee de Cestre,

Purveu auxi qe si ascun des
ditz lieges ou ascun de lour
heirs soit ou sera appelle ou
enditez de felonie ou treson et
au temps de mesme le felonie
ou treson supposez est ou
leust conversant deinz le coun-
tee dount tendement ou ap-
pelle fait mention qe autielle
processe soit fait vers tiel en-
dite ou appelle come ad este
use devaunt ces heurs.

No. 12.

10 Henry VI. c. 6.—What Process shall be awarded upon
 an Indictment removed into the King's Bench.

No. 12.
 10 Henry VI.
 c. 6.

ITEM, Whereas in the
Parliament holden at
Westminster the eighth Year
of the King that now is, it
was ordained, That upon
every Indictment or Appeal,
by the which any of the
King's liege People, dwel-
ling in other foreign and
divers Counties than where
such Indictment or Appeal
is or shall be taken, of Trea-
son, Felony, or Trespas,
to be taken hereafter before

ITEM come au parlement
tenuz a Westminster lan du
regne nostre Seigneur le Roi
qorest vijj ordine estoit qe sur
chescune enditement ou appell
par la qell ascuns de lieges du
Roy demurrantz en autres coun-
tees qe la outiel enditement ou
appell soit ou sera pris de
treson felonie ou trespas ap-
prendre en apres devaunt Jus-
tices de peas ou devaunt ascun
autre eiant poair de prendre
tielz enditementz ou appelez

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ou autres commissioners ou justices en aucun countee franchise ou liberte d'Engleterre devant aucun exigent agarde sur aucun enditement ou appel en la fourme avaunt dite apprendre qe maintenant apres le primer brief de *Capias* sur chacun tel enditement ou appel agarde et retourne qe un autre brief de *Capias* soit agarde direct al viscount del countee dont celuy qest ensi en pris ou appelle est ou feld supposé estre conversant par mesme lenditement ou appel retourneable devant mesmes les justices ou commissioners devant queux il est endite ou appelle a un certain jour conteignant l'espace de trois mois del date del dit brief et de retourneable devant par mesme lenditement plainement a que l. Par quel clause le dit estatut cessant le dit retourneable devant mesmes les justices ou commissioners devant queux il est endite ou appelle asans entendre qe le brief de *Capias* ordonne par le dit estatut qe sera direct al viscount del countee dont celuy qest ensi endite ou appelle est ou feld supposé estre conversant par mesme lenditement ou appel sera retourne devant mesmes les justices ou commissioners ou autres devant queux lenditement ou appel fuist pris et noupas ailleurs. Et ymaginantz par defrauder et anientiser le dit estatut suent par remoever tielx enditementz et appelez hors des mains les justices et commissioners avaunt ditz en le Bank le Roi et ailleurs par Certiorari et autrement les parties ensi enditz ou appelez nient sachantz et sur ceo suent processe use a la commune ley

"Justices of Peace, or before
"any other Justice whatsoever, having Power to take
"such Indictments or Appeals,
"or other Commissioners or
"Justices in any County, Franchise, or Liberty of England,
"before any Exigent awarded
"upon any Indictment or
"Appeal in the Form aforesaid to be taken, that presently after the first Writ of
"*Capias* upon every such Indictment or Appeal awarded
"and returned, that another
"Writ of *Capias* shall be
"awarded, directed to the
"Sheriff of the County, whereof he that is so indicted or
"appealed is or was supposed
"to be conversant by the same
"Indictment or Appeal, returnable before the same
"Justices or Commissioners,
"before whom he is indicted
"or appealed, at a certain
"Day, containing the Space
"of three Months from the
"Date of the same Writ to
"the Return of the same, as
"by the same Statute plainly
"appeareth. By which Clause
"of the same Statute, that is
"to say, returnable before the
"same Justices or Commissioners before whom he is
"indicted, or appealed, some
"do think that the Writ of
"*Capias* ordained by the said
"Statute, which shall be directed to the Sheriff of the
"County, whereof he that is
"so indicted or appealed is or
"was supposed to be conversant by the same Indictment
"or Appeal, shall be returned
"before the same Justices or
"Commissioners, or other, before whom the Indictment or
"Appeal was taken, and not
"elsewhere. And imagining

No. 12.
to Henry VI.
c. 6.

No. 12. "to defraud and make frus-
 10 Henry VI. "trate the said Statute, do sue
 c. 6. "to remove such Indictments
 "and Appeals out of the Hands
 "of the Justices or Commis-
 "sioners aforesaid into the
 "King's Bench and elsewhere,
 "by *Certiorari* and otherwise,
 "unknown to the Party so in-
 "dicted or appealed, and
 "thereupon sue the Process
 "used at the Common Law
 "before the making of the
 "said Statute in the King's
 "Bench and elsewhere, after
 "the removing, to the great
 "impoverishing and Vexation
 "of the King's faithful Sub-
 "jects." 'Wherefore the same
 "our Lord the King, by the
 "Advice and Assent aforesaid,
 "and at the special Request of
 "the said Commons, by Autho-
 "rity aforesaid hath ordained,
 "That the said Statute be holden
 "and kept, and put in due Ex-
 "ecution in all Points; joined
 "to the same, that if any such
 "Indictments taken, or to be
 "taken before any Justices of
 "Peace, or before any other
 "having Power to take such In-
 "dictments or Appeals, or other
 "Justices or Commissioners in
 "any County, Franchise, or
 "Liberty of *England*, shall be
 "removed before the King in
 "his Bench or elsewhere, by
 "*Certiorari* or otherwise, then
 "after such removing, before
 "any Exigent awarded upon
 "any such Indictment or Ap-
 "peal in the Form aforesaid
 "taken, or to be taken, that
 "presently after the first Writ
 "of *Capias* upon every such
 "Indictment or Appeal award-
 "ed and returned, that another
 "Writ of *Capias* be awarded,
 "directed to the Sheriff of the
 "County, whereof he that is

A Confirmation
 of the Statute
 8 H. 6. c. 10.
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 King's Bench.

Et Rot. in Tur. Lond.

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said last Writ of *Capius*, ac-
cording to the Manner and
Form that the Justices of
Peace, and other in the said
first Statute contained, ought
to have done, before such
removing after the making
of the said first Statute, and
moreover to make Process
according to the Effect and
Purport of the said first Sta-
tute. And if any such Ex-
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upon any such Indictment or
Appeal after such removing
against the Form aforesaid,
or any Outlawry thereupon
pronounced, as well the same
Exigent so awarded, as the
Outlawry thereupon to be
pronounced, and every of
them, shall be holden for
none and void, according as
in the said first Statute is
more fully contained.

No. 12.
to Henry VI.
c. 9.

No. 13.

- 1 Edward IV. c. II.—Justices of Peace may award
Process upon Indictments taken in Sheriffs Tourns.

No. 14.

- 4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 18.—An Act to prevent
malicious Informations in the Court of King's Bench,
and for the more easy Reversal of Outlawries in the
same Court.

[See Pt. IV. Cl. IV. No. 12.]

No. 15.

4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 22.—An Act for regulating Proceedings in the Crown Office in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster.

(See C. 14, supra.)

(E)

CERTIORARI.

No. 1.

21 James I. c. 8.—An Act to prevent and punish the Abuses in procuring Process and *Supersedens* of the Peace and good Behaviour, out of his Majesty's Courts at Westminster, and to prevent the Abuses in procuring Writs of *Certiorari* out of the said Courts, for the removing of Indictments found before Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions.

(Vi. supra, A.)

No. 2.

5 William and Mary, c. 11.—An Act to prevent Delays of Proceedings at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

No. 2.
5 William and
Mary, c. 11.
21 Jac. 1. c. 8.
13 & 14 Car. 2
c. 6. § 16.
21 Car. 2. c. 12.
§ 4.

WHEREAS it is experienced that, notwithstanding the Statutes made in the one and twentieth Year of the Reign of King James the First, and in the thirteenth and fourteenth and two and twentieth Years of King Charles the Second, concerning the granting of Writs of *Certiorari*, to remove Indictments of Riots, forcible Entry, Assault and Battery, and other Presentments and Indictments out of the Courts of the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in the Counties or Places wherein such Indictments have been found, and Proceedings thereupon recorded, into their Majesties Court of King's Bench, divers turbulent, contentious, lewd, and evil-disposed Persons, fearing to be deservedly punished where they and their Offences are well known, have not only obtained Writs of *Certiorari* for removing such Indictments found against them as aforesaid, but also Indictments for sundry other Trespasses, Frauds, Nuisances, Con-

'tempts, and Misdemeanors, after Issue joined, and the
'Prosecutors attending with their Council and Witnesses
'to try the same before the said Justices of the Peace in their
'said Sessions, to the great Discouragement of the Prosecu-
'tors, and of such Constables and other Officers as, according
'to their Duty, present Persons for those and such like Tres-
'passes, Offences and Misdemeanors;' For Remedy whereof,
and that such Offenders may be brought to condign Punish-
ment:

No. 2.

William and
Mary, c. 11.

II. Be it enacted by the King's and Queen's most Excel-
lent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present
Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That
in Term Time no Writ of *Certiorari* whatsoever at the Prosecu-
tion of any Party indicted, (1.) be hereafter granted, awarded,
or directed out of the said Court of King's Bench, to remove any
such Indictment or Presentment of Trespass or Misdemeanor,
before Trial had, from before the said Justices in the said
Courts of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, unless
such *Certiorari* shall be granted or awarded upon Motion of
Counsel, and by Rule of Court made for the granting thereof,
before the Judge or Judges of the said Court of King's Bench
sitting in open Court, and that all the Parties indicted prose-
cuting such *Certiorari*, before the Allowance thereof shall find
two sufficient Manucaptors, who shall enter into a Recogni-
zance before one or more Justices of the Peace of the County
or Place, in the Sum of twenty Pounds, (2.) with Condition at
the Return of such Writ to appear and plead to the said Indict-
ment or Presentment in the said Court of King's Bench, and
at his and their own Costs and Charges to cause and procure
the Issue that shall be joined upon the said Indictment or Pre-
sentment, or any Plea relating thereunto, to be tried at the
next Assizes to be held for the County wherein the said Indict-
ment or Presentment was found, after such *Certiorari* shall be
returnable, if not in the Cities of *London*, *Westminster*, or
County of *Middlesex*; and if in the said Cities or County,
then to cause or procure it to be tried the next Term after,
wherein such *Certiorari* shall be granted, or at the Sitting after
the said Term, if the Court of King's Bench shall not appoint
any other Time for the Trial thereof; and if any other Time
shall be appointed by the Court, then at such other Time, and
to give due Notice of such Trial to the Prosecutor, or his
Clerk in Court; and that the said Recognizance and Recogni-
zances, taken as aforesaid, shall be certified into the said Court
of King's Bench, with the said *Certiorari* and Indictment, to be

Certiorari in
Term Time
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upon Motion.

Recognizance
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trying the Issue
next Assizes,

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Certiorari
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zance void.

(1.) The Crown (if the Defendant be one of its Officers, or if, for any other Reason, it take up his Defence) may have a *Certiorari* in the Name of the Defendant, without laying any special Ground. See Cases cited in Note J East, 304. In such Case the Directions of this Act as to Recognizances, &c. are not, in Practice, ever applied.

(2.) The Recognizance is not discharged until all Costs are paid, although exceeding £40; *Rex v. Teal*, 13 East, 4.

No. 2.
William and
Mary, c. 11.

there filed, and the Name of the Prosecutor, (if he be the Party grieved or Injured), or some publick Officer, to be indorsed on the Back of the said Indictment; (3.) and if the Person prosecuting such *Certiorari*, being the Defendant, shall not, before Allowance thereof, procure such Manucaptors to be bound in a Recognizance as aforesaid, the Justices of the Peace may and shall proceed to Trial of the said Indictment at the said Sessions, notwithstanding such Writ of *Certiorari* so delivered.

Officers prote-
cuting shall
have Double
Costs.

III. And be it further enacted, That if the Defendant prosecuting such Writ of *Certiorari* be convicted (4.) of the Offence for which he was indicted, That then the said Court of King's Bench shall give reasonable Costs to the Prosecutor, (5.) if he be the Party grieved or injured, (6.) or be a Justice of the Peace, Mayor, Bailiff, Constable, Headborough, Tythingman, Churchwarden, or Overseer of the Poor, or any other Civil Officer, (7.) who shall prosecute upon the Account of any Fact committed or done, that concerned him or them, as Officer or Officers, to prosecute or present; (8.) which Costs shall be taxed according to the Course of the said Court; and that the Prosecutor, for the Recovery of such Costs, shall, within ten Days (9.) after Demand made of the Defendant, and Refusal of Payment on Oath, have an Attachment granted against the Defendant by the said Court for such his Contempt; and that the said Recognizance shall not be discharged (10.) till the Costs so taxed shall be paid.

(3.) To entitle the Prosecutor to Costs, it is enough to prove that he was such by Affidavit, without his Name being indorsed: *Rex v. Smith*, 1 Bar. 54.

(4.) This means an effectual Conviction; and no Costs can be taxed if the Judgment is arrested; *Rex v. Turner*, 15 E. 2, 570.

(5.) If the Costs are taxed in the Life of the Prosecutor, his Representatives are entitled, although no personal Demand was ever made by him; *Rex v. Chamberlayne*, 1 T. R. 103.

(6.) The Defendant solicited Mason to set fire to a House: Mason and one Glaston informed a Magistrate, who bound them over to prosecute. Ruled that there could be no Costs, for want of a Party grieved, *R. v. Ingleton*, 1 Wils. 139. The Prosecutor of an Indictment for stopping a Road, ruled to be a Party grieved, he having used the Road for some Years; *R. v. Williamson*, 7 T. R. 32. So Persons dwelling near a Steam Engine, which affected their Dwelling-houses, &c.; *R. v. Dewanap*, 16 E. 194. Secus, where the Prosecutor, in a Case for stopping up a Road, did not apply for two Years, and it did not appear that he had ever used the Road before it was stopped; and while it was stopped he declared that he did not care about it; *R. v. Inledon*, 1 M. and S. 265.

(7.) A Clerk of the Peace, whose Duty it is to draw up all Presentments of Constables, in Form of Indictments, was held to be entitled to Costs, on a Prosecution carried on by him; anon. cited 2 T. R. 17.

(8.) A Justice of Peace indicting a Gaoler for suffering a Felon to escape, is not within the Act: the Court has always put a strict Construction on the Act; *R. v. Sharpless*, 2 T. R. 47. A Justice presenting a Road, or indicting a Constable for disobeying his Order, would be entitled to Costs; dict. ibid. A Justice of Peace indicting a Road, ruled to be entitled to Costs; *R. v. Kettleworth*, 5 T. R. 33.

(9.) There can be no Attachment until after the ten Days have elapsed; *R. v. Ireland*, 3 T. R. 512.

(10.) See n. 1. The Bail are liable for Costs, although the Defendant die between the Verdict and the Day in Bank; *R. v. Finmore*, 8 T. R. 409.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority No. 2:
aforesaid, That in any of the Vacations, Writs of *Certiorari* 5 William and
may be granted by any of the Justices of their Majesties Mary, c. 11.
Court of King's Bench, whose Names shall be indorsed on the Certiorari how
said Writ, and also the Name of such Person at whose In- grantable in
stance the same is granted, and that the Party or Parties Vacations.
indicted, prosecuting such *Certiorari*; shall, before the Allow-
ance of such Writ or Writs of *Certiorari*, find such Sureties, in
such Sum, and with such Conditions, as are before mentioned
and specified in this present Act.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, Certiorari in
That upon every *Certiorari* granted or awarded within the Coun- Chester, &c.
ties Palatine of *Chester*, *Lancaster*, or *Durham*, to remove Indict- how granted.
ments or Presentments for any of the Matters aforementioned,
all the Parties indicted prosecuting such *Certiorari*, shall find such
Sureties, to be bound in such Sums, and with such respective
Conditions, and at his or their own Costs and Charges shall
cause and procure the Issue joined upon the said Indictments or
Presentments to be tried at the next Assizes or General Gaol
Delivery to be held for the said respective Counties, and shall
give like Notice to the Prosecutor, and, if convicted, shall be
liable to like Costs, to be taxed as is by this Act provided for
in Cases where the same are granted or awarded out of the Court
of King's Bench at *Westminster*.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Autho- Certiorari upon
rity aforesaid, That if any Indictment or Presentment be repairing High-
against any Person or Persons for not repairing of any High- ways, &c.
ways, Causeways, Pavements, or Bridges, and the Right or
Title to repair the same may come in Question, upon such
Suggestion and Affidavit made of the Truth thereof, a
Certiorari may be granted to remove the same into the Court
of King's Bench; any Law or Statute to the contrary in any
wise notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, That the Party
or Parties prosecuting such *Certiorari* shall find two Manucap-
tors to be bound in a Recognizance with Condition as afore-
said.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Autho- To continue
rity aforesaid, That this Act shall continue and be in Force for for 1 Year.
three Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session
of Parliament, and no longer. [Made perpetual by 8 and 9
W. 3. cap. 33.]

No. 3.

8 and 9 William III. c. 33.—An Act to make perpetual
and more effectual an Act, intituled, "An Act to
prevent Delays at the Quarter Sessions of the
Peace."

WHEREAS an Act made in the fifth and sixth Years of
the Reign of King *William* and the late Queen *Mary*;
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 and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act shall be
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II. And, for the making the Purpose and Design of the
 said Act more effectual, be it enacted by the Authority afore-
 said, that from and after the one and twentieth Day of *April*,
 which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hun-
 dred ninety-seven, the Party or Parties prosecuting any
Certiorari, to remove any Indictment or Presentment from the
 Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace, may find two suffi-
 cient *Manucaptors*, who shall enter into a Recognizance before
 any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's Bench,
 in the same Sum, and under the same Condition, as is required
 by the said Act, whereof Mention shall be made on the Back
 of such Writ, under the Hand of the Justice taking the same,
 which shall be as effectual and available, to all Intents and
 Purposes, to stay or supersede any further Proceedings upon
 any Indictment or Presentment, for the Removal of which the
 said Writ of *Certiorari* shall be granted, as if the Recognizance
 had been taken before any one of the Justices of the Peace
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 or Presentment made; and also it shall be added to the Con-
 dition of every Recognizance taken by virtue of this and the
 said Act, that the Party or Parties prosecuting such Writ of
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 charged by the said Court.

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No. 4.

5 George II. c. 19. — An Act to oblige the Justices of
 the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to
 determine Appeals made to them according to the
 Merits of the Case, notwithstanding Defects of
 Form in the original Proceedings; and to oblige
 Persons suing forth Writs of *Certiorari* to remove
 Orders made on such Appeals into his Majesty's
 Court of King's Bench, to give Security to prosecute
 same with Effect.

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 5 George II. of the Peace by Law are impowered to give or
 c. 19. 'make Judgments or Orders, great Expences have been
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* on Appeals to the Justices of the Peace at their respective General or Quarter Sessions, been quashed or set aside upon Exceptions or Objections to the Form or Forms of the Proceedings, without hearing or examining the Truth and Merits of the Matter in Question between the Parties concerned: Therefore to prevent the same for the future, may it please your most Excellent Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That after the twenty-fourth Day of June one thousand seven hundred and thirty-two, upon all appeals to be made to the Justices of the Peace at their respective General or Quarter Sessions to be holden for any County, Riding, City, Liberty or Precinct, within that Part of Great Britain called England, against Judgments or Orders given or made by any Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, such Justices so assembled at any General or Quarter Sessions shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time, within their respective Jurisdictions, upon all and every such Appeals so made to them, to cause any Defect or Defects of Form (1.) that shall be found in any such original Judgments or Orders, to be rectified and amended without any Costs or Charge to the Parties concerned, and after such Amendment made, shall proceed to hear, examine and consider the Truth and Merits of all Matters concerning such original Judgments or Orders, and likewise to examine all Witnesses upon Oath, and hear all other Proofs relating thereto, and to make such Determinations thereupon as by Law they should or ought to have done, in case there had not been such Defect or Want of Form in the original Proceeding; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

No 4.
George II.
c. 19.

After 24 June 1732, Justices may rectify Defects of Form on Appeals, and may proceed to determine them.

* II. And whereas divers Writs of *Certiorari* have been procured to remove such Judgments or Orders into his Majesty's Court of King's Bench at Westminster, in hopes thereby to discourage and weary out the Parties concerned in such Judgments or Orders, by great Delays and Expences: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no *Certiorari* shall be allowed to remove any such Judgment or Order, unless the Party or Parties prosecuting such *Certiorari*, before the Allowance thereof, shall enter into a Recognizance with sufficient Sureties before one or more Justices of the Peace of the County or Place, or before the Justices at their General Quarter-Sessions or General Sessions (2.) where such Judgment or Order shall have been given or made, or before any one of his Majesty's Justices of the said Court of King's Bench in the Sum of fifty Pounds, (3.) with Condition to prosecute the same

No *Certiorari* to be allowed to remove Justices' Orders, without a Recognizance of 50*l.* to prosecute to Effect.

(1.) See *Rex v. Bedwin*, B. S. C. 165; *R. v. Chiverscott*, 8 U. R. 178.

(2.) As to this Statute applying to Cases of *Certiorari*, to remove a Conviction where there has been no Appeal, see 8 T. R. 218, n.

(3.) The Act requires a single Recognizance, in £ 50, and is not satisfied by a Recognizance of the Party and his Sureties in £ 25 each, but after a defective Recognizance, a valid one may be taken; *R. v. Dunn*, 5 T. R. 217.

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 'occasioned by reason that such Judgments or Orders have,

‘on Appeals to the Justices of the Peace at their respective General or Quarter Sessions, been quashed or set aside upon Exceptions or Objections to the Form or Forms of the Proceedings, without hearing or examining the Truth and Merits of the Matter in Question between the Parties concerned;’

‘Therefore to prevent the same for the future, may it please your most Excellent Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King’s most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That after the twenty-fourth Day of June one thousand seven hundred and thirty-two, upon all appeals to be made to the Justices of the Peace at their respective General or Quarter Sessions to be holden for any County, Riding, City, Liberty or Precinct, within that Part of Great Britain called England, against Judgments or Orders given or made by any Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, such Justices so assembled at any General or Quarter Sessions shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time, within their respective Jurisdictions, upon all and every such Appeals so made to them, to cause any Defect or Defects of Form (1.) that shall be found in any such original Judgments or Orders, to be rectified and amended without any Costs or Charge to the Parties concerned, and after such Amendment made, shall proceed to hear, examine and consider the Truth and Merits of all Matters concerning such original Judgments or Orders, and likewise to examine all Witnesses upon Oath, and hear all other Proofs relating thereto, and to make such Determinations thereupon as by Law they should or ought to have done, in case there had not been such Defect or Want of Form in the original Proceeding; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

‘II. And whereas divers Writs of *Certiorari* have been procured to remove such Judgments or Orders into his Majesty’s Court of King’s Bench at Westminster, in hopes thereby to discourage and wear out the Parties concerned in such Judgments or Orders, by great Delays and Expences: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no *Certiorari* shall be allowed to remove any such Judgment or Order, unless the Party or Parties prosecuting such *Certiorari*, before the Allowance thereof, shall enter into a Recognizance with sufficient Sureties before one or more Justices of the Peace of the County or Place, or before the Justices at their General Quarter-Sessions or General Sessions (2.) where such Judgment or Order shall have been given or made, or before any one of his Majesty’s Justices of the said Court of King’s Bench in the Sum of fifty Pounds, (3.) with Condition to prosecute the same

No. 4.
George II.
c. 19.

After 24 June 1732, Justices may rectify Defects of Form on Appeals, and may proceed to determine them.

No *Certiorari* to be allowed to remove Judgments or Orders, without a Recognizance of 50*l.* to prosecute the Cause.

(1.) See *Rex v. Baldwin*, B. S. C. 165; *R. v. Chilverston*, 3 F. R. 178.

(2.) As to this Statute applying to Cases of *Certiorari*, to remove a Conviction where there has been no Appeal, see 8 F. R. 218, n.

(3.) The Act requires a single Recognizance in £25 each; but after a defective Recognizance, a valid one may be taken, *R. v. Dunn*, 5 F. R. 217.

No. 4.
3 George II.
c. 19.
On Refusal of
Recognizance
Justices to
proceed.

at his or their own Costs and Charges with Effect, without any wilful or affected Delay, and to pay the Party or Parties, in whose Favour and for whose Benefit such Judgment or Order was given or made, within one Month after the said Judgment or Order shall be confirmed, (4.) their full Costs and Charges, to be taxed according to the Course of the Court where such Judgments or Orders shall be confirmed; and in case the Party or Parties prosecuting such *Certiorari* shall not enter into such Recognizance, or shall not perform the Conditions aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices to proceed and make such further Order or Orders for the Benefit of the Party or Parties for whom such Judgment shall be given, in such Manner as if no *Certiorari* had been granted.

Recognizances
to be certified
into the King's
Bench.

III. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Recognizance and Recognizances to be taken as aforesaid shall be certified into the Court of King's Bench at Westminster, and there filed with the *Certiorari* and Order, or Judgment removed thereby; and if the said Order or Judgment shall be confirmed by the said Court, the Persons intitled to such Costs for the Recovery thereof, within ten Days after Demand made of the Person or Persons who ought to pay the said Costs, upon Oath made of the making such Demand and Refusal of Payment thereof, shall have an Attachment granted against him or them by the said Court for such Contempt, and the said Recognizance so given, upon the allowing of such *Certiorari*, shall not be discharged, until the Costs shall be paid, and the Order so confirmed shall be complied with and obeyed.

Attachment for
Contempt.

(4.) If the Case be sent down to be re-stated, and the Prosecutor abandon it when returned, the Court will discharge the Recognizance; secus, if he dispute the amended order; *R. v. Edgeworth*, 4 T. R. 218.

No. 5.

B. 13 George II. c. 18.—An Act to continue several Laws therein mentioned; * * * * * and for limiting the Time for suing forth Writs of *Certiorari* upon Proceedings before Justices of the Peace; and for other Purposes.

No. 5.
13 George II.
c. 18.

Writ of *Certiorari*
how to be
applied for.

V. **A**ND for the better preventing vexatious Delays and Expence, occasioned by the suing forth Writs of *Certiorari*, for the Removal of Convictions, Judgments, Orders and other Proceedings before Justices of the Peace; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the twenty-fourth Day of June, which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty, no Writ of *Certiorari* shall be granted, issued forth or allowed, to remove any Conviction, Judgment, Order or other Proceedings had or made by or before any Justice or Justices of the Peace of any County, City, Borough, Town Corporate or Liberty, or the respective General or Quarter Sessions thereof, unless such *Certiorari* be moved or applied for within six

Calendar Months next after such Conviction, Judgment, Order, (1.) or other Proceedings (2.) shall be so had or made, and unless it be duly proved upon Oath that the said Party or Parties suing forth the same, hath or have given six Days (3.) Notice thereof in Writing to the Justice or Justices, or to two of them (if so many there be) by and before whom such Conviction, Judgment, Order, or other Proceedings shall be so had or made, to the End that such Justice or Justices, or the Parties therein concerned, may shew Cause, if he or they shall so think fit, against the issuing or granting such *Certiorari*.

No. 5.
13 George II.
c. 18.

(1.) If an Order is made, reserving a Case, the Application must be made within six Months after the Order, and not merely within that Time after settling the Case; *R. v. Justices of Sussex*, 1 M. and S. 631, 734.

(2.) The Act does not extend to Indictments; *R. v. Battams*, 1 East, 298.

(3.) The Notice must be six Days before applying for the Rule to shew Cause; *R. v. Justices of Glamorgan*, 5 T. R. 279.

(F)

ARRAIGNMENT AND TRIAL—CRIMINAL COURTS:

§ 1. IN GENERAL.

No. 1.

9 Henry III. (*Magna Charta*) c. 17.—Holding Pleas of the Crown.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

NULLUS Vicecomes Constabularius Coronatur vel alii Ballivi nostri teneant placita corone nostre.

NO Sheriff, Constable, Escheator, Coroner, nor any other our Bailiffs, shall hold Pleas of our Crown.

No. 1.
9 Henry III.

No. 2.

3 Edward I. c. 12.—The Punishment of Felons refusing lawful Trial.

Cotton MS.

PURVEU est ensement, qe les felouns escriez, & qe sont apertement de male fame, & ne se voillent mettre en enqueste des felonies, qe lem lui

IT is provided also, That notorious Felons, and which openly be of evil Name, and will not put themselves in Enquests of

No. 2.
3 Edward I.
c. 12.

Cotton MS.

No. 2. ' Felonies, that Men shall
 3 Edward I. c. 12. ' charge them with before the
 ' Justices at the King's Suit,
 ' shall have strong and hard
 ' Imprisonment, as they which
 ' refuse to stand to the Com-
 ' mon Law of the Land. But
 ' this is not to be understood
 ' of such Prisoners as be taken
 ' of light Suspicion.'

mette suivre devant Justices a
 la suite le Roi, soient mys en
 la prison forte & dure, come
 ceux q' refusent estre a la com-
 mune ley de la terre. Mes ce
 nest mye a entendre pur pri-
 sons, qui sont pris par leger
 suspectioun.

No. 3.

13 Edward I. st. 1. c. 29.—To whom only the Writ of
 Trespass of *Oyer* and *Terminer* shall be granted.
 In what Case the Writ of *Odio & Hatia* is granted.

No. 4.

27 Edward I. st. 1. c. 3.—Justices of Assise shall be of
 Goal-delivery, who shall punish Officers bailing such
 as are not bailable.

No. 4.
 27 Edward I.
 st. 1. c. 3.

"FORASMUCH as Sheriffs
 and others heretofore
 " have let out by Replevin
 " common Felons, and openly
 " defamed, being taken and
 " imprisoned for Murder and
 " other Felonies, and such as
 " be not replevisable, contrary
 " to the Form of our Statute of
 " Persons replevisable and not
 " replevisable, lately made,
 " whereby such Transgressors
 " not replevisable being so
 " replevied, do, in order de-
 " cernly to obtain their Deli-
 " very before the coming of
 " the Justices Eirant, or other
 " assigned for their Deliver-
 " ance, procure and suborn,
 " by their Friends, the Jurors
 " of the Country, and threaten
 " others, whereby as well for
 " Fear of the Sheriff, and
 " other that let them at large

Ex Rot. in Terr. Lond.

QUIA vicecomites & alii
 temporibus retroactis latro-
 nes notorios & manifestos
 & pro merito hominis & aliis
 felonis captos & imprisonatos
 & qui non sunt replegi per
 plevinam dimiserunt contra
 formam statuti nostri de his
 qui sunt irreplegiabiles & qui
 non nuper editi per quod ipsi
 malefactores irreplegi sic re-
 plegiati ad eorum deliberationem
 falso faciendam juratores
 patrie perse & amicos suos ante
 adventum Justie itinerantium
 aut aliorum ad eorum delibera-
 tionem assignatorum procurant
 & subornant alii que minantur
 per quod tam propter metum
 vicecomitum & aliorum per
 talem plevinam illos dimittentium
 quam timorem eorundem
 latronum seu felonum sic
 liberatorum coram Justie ad

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

gaolos deliberandas assignatis homicidia & latrocinia suffocantur & ipsa sic concealata penitus remanent impunita Nos pro utilitate regni nostri & pace nostra firmius observanda statuimus & ordinavimus quod Justic' ad assisas capiend' assignati in singulis com' ubi capiunt assisas prout ordinantur statim post assisas captas in eisdem com' remaneant auctoritate si laici fuerint & si unus ipsorum fuerit clericus tunc associato sibi Justic' qui laicus est uno de discretioribus militibus comitatus illius per breve nostrum deliberent gaolos in com' illis tam infra libertates quam extra de prisonibus quibuscumque secundum formam deliberationis gaole com' illorum hactenus usitatum. Et iidem Justic' tunc inquirent qui vicecomites & alii prisoneros aliquos irreplegibiles per plebam dimiserunt vel in aliquo contra formam statuti predicti nuper apud Westm' editi deliquerint & quos inde culpabiles invenerint ipsos in omnibus secundum formam statuti predicti puniant & castigent.

“by Plevin, as for Fear of the Thieves being so deterred, before the Justices, assigned for Gaol-deliveries, such Felonies and Murders are concealed, and so being concealed, remain till unpunished;” “We, for the Utility of our Realm, and for the more assured Conservation of our Peace, have provided and ordained, That Justices assigned to take Assizes in every County where they do take Assizes, as they be appointed, incontinent after the Assizes taken in the Shires, shall remain both together if they be Lay; and if one of them be a Clerk, then one of the most discreet Knights of the Shire being associate to him that is a Layman, by our Writ shall deliver the Gaols of the Shires, as well within Liberties as without, of all Manner of Prisoners, after the Form of the Gaol-deliveries of those Shires beforetime used. And the same Justices shall inquire then, if Sheriff, or any other have let out by Replevin Prisoners not replevisable, or have offended in any Thing contrary to the Form of the foresaid Statute lately made at Westminster; and whom they shall find guilty, they shall chasten and punish in all Things according to the Form of the Statute aforesaid.”

No. 4.
27 Edward I.
St. 4. c. 2.

Justices of Assize shall be also Justices of Gaol-delivery

Punishment of Sheriff for their Offence.

No. 5.

28 Edward I. st. 3. c. 3.—Of what Things only the Marshal of the King's House shall hold Plea. Which Coroners shall enquire of the Death of a Man slain within the Verge.

No. 6.

- 4 Edward III. c. 2.—The Authority of Justices of Assise, Gaol-delivery, and of the Peace.

[See Pt. IV. Cl. I. No. 11.]

No. 7.

- 15 Edward III. c. 2.—An Act concerning Trial by Peers.

No. 8.

- 25 Edward III. st. 5. c. 3.—No Indictor shall be put upon the Inquest of the Party indicted.

No. 9.

- 45 Edward III. st. 5. c. 4.—None shall be condemned upon Suggestion without lawful Presentment.

No. 10.

- 42 Edward III. c. 3.—None shall be put to answer an Accusation made to the King without Presentment.

No. 11.

- 6 Richard II. c. 5.—Justices of Assise, &c. shall hold their Sessions in principal Towns.

No. 12.

- 11 Richard II. c. 11.—The keeping of Assises in good Towns, referred to the Consideration of the Chancellor and Justices, &c.

No. 13.

- 17 Richard II. c. 10.—Two learned Men in the Law shall be in Commission of Gaol Delivery.

No. 14.

- 11 Henry IV. c. 9.—Jurors in Indictments shall be returned by the Sheriff, or Bailiffs, without the Denomination of any.

No. 15.

- 14 Henry VI. c. 1.—Justices of *Nisi Prius* may give Judgement of a Man attainted or acquitted of Felony.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

EN primes nostre dit Seignur le Roy ad ordonne par auctorite del dit parlement que les Justices devant queux inquisitions enquestes & jurres enavaunt soient prisez par brief du Roi de *Nisi prius* joust la forme de lestatut ent fait eient poair en toutz casez de felonie & treson de rendre lour jugement sibien lou home est acquite de felonie ou de treson come lou il est ent atteint a jour & lieu ou les ditz inquisitions enquestes & jurres issint soient prises & adonques illeokes de agarder execution de estre fait par force de mesmes les jugementz.

FIRST, Our Lord the King hath ordained, by the Authority of the said Parliament, That the Justices before whom Inquisitions, Inquests, and Juries, from henceforth shall be taken by the King's Writ called *Nisi prius*, according to the Form of the Statute thereof made, shall have Power of all the Cases of Felony and of Treason, to give their Judgments, as well where a Man is acquit of Felony, or of Treason, as where he is thereof attainted, at the Day and Place where the said Inquisitions, Inquests and Juries be so taken, and then from thenceforth to award Execution to be made by force of the same Judgments.² (1.)

No. 15.
14 Henry VI.
c. 1.

(1.) Upon Indictment for Murder, removed by *Certiorari* into the King's Bench, the Judge at *Nisi Prius* may pass Sentence and award Execution; *R. v. Thomas*, 4 M. and S. 412.

No. 16.

- 20 Henry VI. c. 9.—The Order of Trial of Countesses, &c. being indicted of Treason, &c.

No. 17.

B. 3 Henry VII. c. 1.—The Authority of the Court of Star Chamber. Where one Inquest shall inquire of the Concomitant of another. A Coroner's Duty after a Murder committed. A Justice of Peace shall certify his Recognizances, &c.

No. 17. **I**TEM, The King remembering how Murders and slaying of his Subjects daily do increase in this Land, the Occasions whereof be divers; one, That Men in Towns where so h Murders hap to fall and be done, will not attach the Murderer, where the Law of the Land is, That if any Man be slain in the Day, and the Felon not taken, the Township where the Death or Murder is done, shall be amerced; and if any Man be wounded in Peril of Death, the Party that so wounded should be arrested, and put in Surety, to perfect Knowledge be had, whether he so hurt should live or die: And the Coroner upon the View of the Body dead, should inquire of him or them that had done that Death or Murder, of their Abettors and Consenters, and who were present when the Death or Murder was done, whether Man or Woman, and the Names of them that were present, and so found, to intol and certify; which Law by Negligence is disused, and thereby great boldness is given to Slayers and Murderers; and over this it is used, that within the Year and a Day after any Death or Murder had or done, the Felony should not be determined at the King's Suit, for saving of the Party's Suit, who on the Party is oftentimes slow, and also agreed with, and by the End of the Year all is forgotten, which is another Occasion of Murder. And also be that will sue any Appeal, must sue in proper Felon, which Suit is long and costly, that it maketh the Party Appellant weary to sue. For Reformation of the Premises, the King our Sovereign Lord, by the Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in the said Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, will that every Coroner exercise and do his Office according to the Law, as is afore rehearsed; and that if any Man be slain or murdered, and thereof the Slayers, Murderers, Abettors, Maintainers, and Comforters of the same, be indicted, that the same Slayers and Murderers, and all other Accessaries of the same, be arraigned and determined of the same Felony and Murder, at any Time, at the King's Suit, within the Year after the same Felony and Murder done, and not tarry the Year and Day for any Appeal to be taken for the same Felony or Murder; and if it happen any Person named as Principal or Accessary, to be acquitted of any such Murder at the King's Suit, within the Year and Day, that then the same Justices afore whom he is acquitted, shall not suffer him to go at large, but either to remit him again to the Prison, or else to let him to Bail, after their Discretion, till that Year and Day be passed; and if it

The Causes why Murders be committed.

A Coroner shall execute his Office according to the Law.

A Murderer indicted shall be presently arraigned at the King's Suit.

A Murderer indicted and acquitted, shall not be set at Liberty.

fortune the same Felons or Murderers, and Accessories so arraigned, or any of them, to be acquit, or the Principal of the said Felony, or any of them, to be attainted, the Wife, or next Heir to him so slain, as shall require, may take and have their Appeal of the same Death and Murder within the Year and Day after the same Felony and Murder done, against the said Persons so arraigned and acquit, and all other their Accessories, or against the Accessories of the said Principal, or any of them so attained, or against the said Principals so attained if they be on live, and the Benefit of his Clergy thereof before not had; And that the Appellant have such and like Advantage, as if the said Acquittal or Attainder had not been, the said Acquittal or Attainder notwithstanding; and over that the Wife, or Heir of the said Person so slain or murdered, as the Case shall require, may commence their Appeal in proper Person, at any Time within the Year after the said Felony done, before the Sheriff and Coroners of the County where the said Felony or Murder was done, or before the King in his Bench, or Justices of Gaol-delivery, and the Appellant in any Appeals of Murder or Death of Man, where Battail by the Course of the Common Law lieth not, may make their Attornies, and appear by the same, in the said Appeals after they be commenced, to the End of the Suit, and execution of the same. And if any Person be slain or murdered in the Day, and the Murderer scape untaken, that the Township where the said Deed is so done, be amerced for the said Escape, and that the Coroner have Authority to inquire thereof upon the View of the Body dead; and also Justices of Peace have Power to inquire of such Escapes, and that to certify afore the King in his Bench; and that after the Felony found, the Coroners deliver their Inquisitions afore the Justices or the next Gaol-delivery, in the Shire where the Inquisition is taken, the same Justices to proceed against such Murderers, if they be in the Gaol, or else the same Justices to put the same Inquisitions afore the King in his Bench. And forasmuch as Coroners had not nor ought to have any thing by the Law for their Office doing, which oft-time hath been the Occasion that Coroners have been remiss in doing their Office; it is ordained, That a Coroner have for his Fee, upon every Inquisition taken upon the View of the Body slain *vis. id.* of the Goods and Chattels of him that is the Slayer and Murderer, if he have any Goods, and if he have no Goods, then the Coroner have for his said Fee, of such Amerciaments as shall fortune any Township to be amerced for Escape of such Murderer as is aforesaid.

No. 17.
3 Henry VII.
c. 1.

Appeal against
him that is
arraigned of
Murder.

Within what
Time, and be-
fore whom an
Appeal of Mur-
der shall be
commenced.

The Appellant
may make his
Attorney.

The Coroner's
fee upon the
View of a Body
slain.

No. 18.

6 Henry VIII. c. 6.—An Act for the remitting Prisoners with their Indictments to the Places where the Crimes were committed.

No. 18.
6 Henry VIII.
c. 6.

The Justices of
the King's
Bench may re-
mit Prisoners
out of the Court
into the Coun-
try to be tried.

WHETHER divers Felons and Murtherers, upon feigned and untrue Surmises, have oftentimes removed, as well their Bodies as their Indictments, by Writ and otherwise, before the King in his Bench, and cannot by the Order of the Law be remitted and sent down to the Justices of Gaol-delivery, or of the Peace, or other Justices or Commissioners, to proceed upon them after the Course of the Common Law: Be it therefore ordained and enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That the Justices of the King's Bench for the Time being have full Authority and Power, by their Discretions, to remand and send down, as well the Bodies of all Felons and Murtherers brought or removed, or that shall be removed or brought, before the King in his Bench, as their Indictments, into the Counties where the same Murthers or Felonies have been committed and done; and to command all Justices of Gaol-delivery, Justices of Peace, and all other Justices and Commissioners, and every of them, to proceed and determine upon all the aforesaid Bodies and Indictments so removed, after the Course of the Common Law, in such Manner as the same Justices of Gaol-delivery, Justices of Peace, and other Commissioners, or any of them might or should have done, if the said Prisoners or Indictments had never been brought into the said King's Bench.

No. 19.

23 Henry VIII. c. 13.—An Act for Trial of Murders in Cities and Towns.

[See Cl. IV. No. 10.]

No. 20.

25 Henry VIII. c. 3.—For such as stand mute, &c.

[See Cl. VII. No. 4.]

No. 21.

2 and 3 Edward VI. c. 24.—An Act for Trial of Murders and Felonies committed in several Counties.

[See Cl. IV. No. 14.]

No. 22.

Anne, st 2. c. 9.—An Act for punishing Accessories to Felonies, and Receivers of stolen Goods, and to prevent the wilful burning and destroying of Ships.

B.

[See the Act at length Cl. V. No. 27.]

FORASMUCH as the Counsellors and Contrivers of Theft and other Felonies, and the Receivers of Goods that have been stolen, are the principal Cause of the Commission of such Felonies; and as the Law now is, no Accessory can be convicted or suffer any Punishment where the Principal is not attainted, or hath the Benefit of his Clergy; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the twelfth Day of February which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and two, if any principal Offender shall be convicted of any Felony, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the Number of twenty Persons returned to serve of the Jury, it shall and may be lawful to proceed against any Accessory, either before or after the Fact, in the same Manner as if such principal Felon had been attainted thereof, notwithstanding any such principal Felon shall be admitted to the Benefit of his Clergy, pardoned, or otherwise delivered before Attainder; and every such Accessory shall suffer the same Punishment, if he or she be convicted, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the Number of twenty Persons returned to serve of the Jury, as he or she should have suffered if the Principal had been attainted.

No. 22.

1 Anne,
st. 2. c. 9.

If principal Offender be convicted of Felony, &c. it shall be lawful to proceed against Accessory; upon Conviction shall suffice the same Punishment, &c.

No. 23.

George II. c. 21.—An Act for the Trial of Murders, in Cases where either the Stroke or Death only happens within that Part of Great Britain called England.

[See Cl. IV. No. 18.]

No. 24.

12 George III. c. 20. —An Act for the more effectual proceeding against Persons standing Mute on their Arraignment for Felony or Piracy.

No. 24. 12 George III. c. 20. **FOR** the more effectual proceeding against Persons standing Mute on their Arraignment for Felony, or Piracy,' be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person, from and after the passing of this Act, being arraigned on any Indictment, or Appeal for Felony, or on any Indictment for Piracy, shall upon such Arraignment, stand mute, or will not answer directly to the Felony, or Piracy, such Person so standing Mute, as aforesaid, shall be convicted of the Felony or Piracy charged in such Indictment or Appeal; and the Court before whom he shall be so arraigned shall thereupon award Judgment and Execution against such Person, in the same Manner as if such Person had been convicted by Verdict or Confession of the Felony, or Piracy charged in such Indictment or Appeal; and such Judgment shall have all the same Consequences in every Respect as if such Person had been convicted by Verdict or Confession of such Felony or Piracy, and Judgment had been thereupon awarded.

Persons arraigned,
standing mute,
shall be convicted.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Provisions of this Act shall extend to his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America.

No. 25.

19 George III. c. 74.—An Act to explain and amend the Laws relating to the Transportation, Imprisonment, and other Punishment, of certain Offenders.*

No. 25 19 George III. c. 74. **LXX.** **AND** whereas the Courts of Assize, *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, for several Counties at large in this Kingdom, are often held in or near Cities or Towns that are Counties of themselves, and at the same Time with the like Courts for the said Cities or Towns; and Inconveniences frequently arise, in transacting the Business of the several Courts, for that the Lodgings of the Judges are situate either only in the County at large, or only in the County of such City or Town; be it therefore further enacted, That whenever the Courts of Assize, *Nisi prius*, Oyer and Terminer, or Gaol-delivery, for any County at large, in that Part of Great Britain called England, shall be held in or near any City or Town that is also a County of itself, and at the same Time with the like or any of the like Courts

Regulation relative to the Lodgings of the Judges at County Assizes.

* Made perpetual by 39 George III. c. 46.

for the said City or Town, the Lodgings of the Judge or Judges shall be construed and taken to be situate both within the County at large, and also within the County of such City or Town for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, and of transacting the Business of the Assizes for such County at large, and for the County of such City or Town, during the Time that such Judge or Judges shall continue therein for the Execution of their several Commissions.

No. 26.

George III. c. 18.—An Act to empower the Justices of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery of *Newgate* for the County of *Middlesex*, to continue to hold a Session of Gaol Delivery of *Newgate*, begun to be holden before the Essoign Day of Term, and Sitting of the King's Bench at *Westminster*, notwithstanding the happening of such Essoign Day, or the Sitting of the said Court of King's Bench at *Westminster*, or elsewhere in the said County of *Middlesex*.

No. 27.

32 George III. c. 48.—An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* to continue a Session of the Peace, and of Oyer and Terminer, begun to be holden before the Essoign Day of Term, and Sitting of the King's Bench at *Westminster*, notwithstanding the happening of such Essoign Day, or the Sitting of the said Court of King's Bench at *Westminster*, or elsewhere, in the said County of *Middlesex*.

No. 28.

38 George III. c. 52.—An Act to regulate the Trial of Causes, Indictments, and other Proceedings, which arise within the Counties of certain Cities and Towns Corporate within this Kingdom.

[Inserted Pt. IV. Cl. IV. No. 66.]

No. 29.

51 George III. c. 100.— An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trial of Causes, Indictments and other Proceedings which arise within the Counties of certain Cities and Towns Corporate within this Kingdom."—[26th. June 1811.]

No. 29. **W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed
 1 George III. c. 100. in the thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of his present
 2 G. 3. c. 52. Majesty, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trial of Causes,
 3. 2. Indictments and other Proceedings which arise within the
 Counties of certain Cities and Towns Corporate within
 this Kingdom," it is, amongst other Things, enacted, that it
 should and might be lawful for any Prosecutor or Prosecutors
 to prefer his, her or their Bill or Bills of Indictment, for any
 Offence or Offences committed or charged to be committed
 within the County of any City or Town Corporate, to the
 Jury of the County next adjoining to the County of such City
 or Town Corporate, sworn and charged to enquire for the
 King for the Body of such adjoining County, at any Sessions
 of *Oyer and Terminer* or General Gaol Delivery; and that
 every such Bill of Indictment found to be a true Bill by such
 Jury should be valid and effectual in Law, as if the same
 had been found to be a true Bill by any Jury sworn and
 charged to enquire for the King, for the Body of the County
 of such City or Town Corporate: And whereas it was
 further provided by the said recited Act, that if it should
 appear, in the manner therein mentioned, to any Court of
Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery for the County
 of any City or Town Corporate, that any Indictment found
 by any Grand Jury of the County of such City or Town
 Corporate, or any Inquisition taken before the Coroner or
 Coroners of the County of such City or Town Corporate, or
 other Franchise, was fit and proper to be tried by a Jury of
 any next adjoining County, that the same Proceedings and
 Trial should be had, and the same Judgment should be given
 as would and might be had and given in Cases of Indict-
 ments or Inquisitions for the like Offences committed within
 such next adjoining Counties; but no Power was given in
 Cases of Conviction, in pursuance of any of the Provisions
 in the said recited Act, of ordering the Execution of the
 Sentence in the County of the City or Town Corporate
 within which the Offence had been committed, and was
 charged to have been committed: And whereas it may be
 fit and expedient, that in such cases the Punishment should
 be inflicted, and the Sentences put in Execution, in the
 respective Counties of the Cities or Towns Corporate where
 such Offences had been so committed: May it therefore
 please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted
 by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice

and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before which any Conviction shall have taken place in pursuance of the Provisions of the said recited Act, to order every such Convict to be punished according to Law, either within the County where such Conviction shall have taken place, or within the County of the City or Town Corporate wherein such Offence shall have been committed; and in cases where the Court shall order such Convict to be punished within the County of such City or Town Corporate, it shall and may be lawful for the Court after passing Sentence upon every such Convict or Convicts to order him, her or them to be delivered into the Custody of the Sheriff or Sheriffs, Gaoler or other proper Officer or Officers of the County of such City or Town Corporate, and the Sheriff or Sheriffs, Gaoler or other proper Officer or Officers of the County of such City or Town Corporate is and are hereby commanded to receive into his or their Custody every such Convict or Convicts, and to execute the Sentence so passed upon him, her and them in such adjoining County, as if he, she or they had been tried and had received such Sentence in the County of such City or Town Corporate.

‘II. And whereas it is provided by the said in Part recited Act, that in all Cases of Indictments and other Proceedings which may be tried before his Majesty’s Justices of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery, for any County in pursuance of the Provisions contained in the said Act, it should and might be lawful for such Justices to order the Expences of the Prosecution, and of the Witnesses, and of the several Rewards payable in pursuance of the Statutes in such Cases made and provided on the Conviction of Offenders, to be paid by and to the same Persons and in the same Manner as the same would have been payable if such Indictment had been tried in the Court of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery of the County of such City or Town Corporate: And whereas it is just and expedient that a similar Provision should be made for the Payment of all other Expences which may be incurred by any such adjoining County in relation to any Person who may be tried or removed for Trial to such adjoining County, for any Offence committed or charged to have been committed in the County of any such City or Town Corporate;’ Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or General Gaol Delivery, at any Session thereof holden for such County, and they are hereby required to order all Expences whatsoever incurred by such County in relation to any Person who shall be tried in such County or removed thither for Trial, for any Offence committed or charged to have been committed within the County of any such City or Town Corporate, as well in maintaining and supporting such Person, and carrying the Sentence into Execu-

No. 20.
1st George III.
c. 200.

In what Cases Sentence may be executed in the County of the City or Town Corporate.

§ 5.

Provision for Payment of Expences to be provided for by the County of a City or Town Corporate.

No. 29.

51 George III. c. 100.—An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trial of Causes, Indictments and other Proceedings which arise within the Counties of certain Cities and Towns Corporate within this Kingdom."—[26th. June 1811.]

No. 29.
51 George III.
c. 100.
52 G. 3. c. 52.
§ 2.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trial of Causes, Indictments and other Proceedings which arise within the Counties of certain Cities and Towns Corporate within this Kingdom," it is, amongst other Things, enacted, that it should and might be lawful for any Prosecutor or Prosecutors to prefer his, her or their Bill or Bills of Indictment, for any Offence or Offences committed or charged to be committed within the County of any City or Town Corporate, to the Jury of the County next adjoining to the County of such City or Town Corporate, sworn and charged to enquire for the King for the Body of such adjoining County, at any Sessions of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery; and that every such Bill of Indictment found to be a true Bill by such Jury should be valid and effectual in Law, as if the same had been found to be a true Bill by any Jury sworn and charged to enquire for the King, for the Body of the County of such City or Town Corporate: And whereas it was further provided by the said recited Act, that if it should appear, in the manner therein mentioned, to any Court of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery for the County of any City or Town Corporate, that any Indictment found by any Grand Jury of the County of such City or Town Corporate, or any Inquisition taken before the Coroner or Coroners of the County of such City or Town Corporate, or other Franchise, was fit and proper to be tried by a Jury of any next adjoining County, that the same Proceedings and Trial should be had, and the same Judgment should be given as would and might be had and given in Cases of Indictments or Inquisitions for the like Offences committed within such next adjoining Counties; but no Power was given in Cases of Conviction, in pursuance of any of the Provisions in the said recited Act, of ordering the Execution of the Sentence in the County of the City or Town Corporate within which the Offence had been committed, and was charged to have been committed: And whereas it may be fit and expedient, that in such cases the Punishment should be inflicted, and the Sentences put in Execution, in the respective Counties of the Cities or Towns Corporate where such Offences had been so committed: May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice

and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before which any Conviction shall have taken place in pursuance of the Provisions of the said recited Act, to order every such Convict to be punished according to Law, either within the County where such Conviction shall have taken place, or within the County of the City or Town Corporate wherein such Offence shall have been committed; and in cases where the Court shall order such Convict to be punished within the County of such City or Town Corporate, it shall and may be lawful for the Court after passing Sentence upon every such Convict or Convicts to order him, her or them to be delivered into the Custody of the Sheriff or Sheriffs, Gaoler or other proper Officer or Officers of the County of such City or Town Corporate, and the Sheriff or Sheriffs, Gaoler or other proper Officer or Officers of the County of such City or Town Corporate is and are hereby commanded to receive into his or their Custody every such Convict or Convicts, and to execute the Sentence so passed upon him, her and them in such adjoining County, as if he, she or they had been tried and had received such Sentence in the County of such City or Town Corporate.

‘II. And whereas it is provided by the said in Part recited Act, that in all Cases of Indictments and other Proceedings which may be tried before his Majesty’s Justices of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery, for any County in pursuance of the Provisions contained in the said Act, it should and might be lawful for such Justices to order the Expences of the Prosecution, and of the Witnesses, and of the several Rewards payable in pursuance of the Statutes in such Cases made and provided on the Conviction of Offenders, to be paid by and to the same Persons and in the same Manner as the same would have been payable if such Indictment had been tried in the Court of Oyer and Terminer or General Gaol Delivery of the County of such City or Town Corporate: And whereas it is just and expedient that a similar Provision should be made for the Payment of all other Expences which may be incurred by any such adjoining County in relation to any Person who may be tried or removed for Trial to such adjoining County, for any Offence committed or charged to have been committed in the County of any such City or Town Corporate;’ Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or General Gaol Delivery, at any Session thereof holden for such County, and they are hereby required to order all Expences whatsoever incurred by such County in relation to any Person who shall be tried in such County or removed thither for Trial, for any Offence committed or charged to have been committed within the County of any such City or Town Corporate, as well in maintaining and supporting such Person and carrying the Sentence into Execu-

No. 20.
George III.
c. 100.
In what Cases Sentence may be executed in the County of the City or Town Corporate.

§ 8.

Proviso for Payment of Expences not before provided for by the County of a City or Town Corporate.

No. 29. tion as in any other respect, to be repaid to the Treasurer of
 51 George III. such County or other Person acting as Treasurer of such
 c. 100. County, or who shall have actually paid such Expences, by
 the same Person or Persons, and in the same Manner as the
 same would have been payable if such Offender or supposed
 Offender had remained in the County of such City or Town
 Corporate, and had been tried in the Court of *Oyer and Ter-*
miner or General Gaol Delivery of the County of such City,
 or Town Corporate, and as if the Sentence with respect to
 such Offender had been carried into Execution within the
 County of such City or Town Corporate.

No. 30.

53 George III. c. 99.—An Act for the more speedy and
 effectual Trial and Punishment of Offences commit-
 ted by Soldiers, detached in Places beyond the Seas,
 out of his Majesty's Dominions.—[7th. July 1813.]

(F) § 2. OFFENCES COMMITTED OUT OF
 THE KINGDOM.

[See Class XIII. supra.]

No. 31.

33 Henry VIII. c. 23.—An Act to proceed by Commis-
 sion of *Oyer and Terminer* against such Persons as
 shall confess Treason, &c. without remanding the
 same to be tried in the Shire where the Offence was
 committed.*

* Inverted ante, Class II. No. 16.—In a Note to that Number it is stated,
 by Mistake, that the Act is repealed by 1 and 2 P. and M. c. 10.; which is
 only true as to Treasons committed within the Realm.—For the Cases decided
 under the Act, see *Rex v. Depardo*, 1 Taunt. 26. In a subsequent Case,
Easter Term, 55 Geo. III. it was held by all the Judges, that a British Sub-
 ject might be tried by virtue of the Act for a Murder committed in Portugal,

No. 32.

Henry VIII. c. 2.—An Act for the Trial of Treasons
 committed out of the King's Dominions.

[See Cl. XII. No. 17.]

*No. 33.

11 and 12 William III. c. 12.—An Act to punish Governors of Plantations in this Kingdom, for Crimes by them committed in the Plantations.*

WHEREAS a due Punishment is not provided for several Crimes and Offences committed out of this his Majesty's Realm of *England*, whereof divers Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Deputy Governors, or Commanders in Chief of Plantations and Colonies within his Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, have taken Advantage, and have not been deterred from oppressing his Majesty's Subjects within their respective Governments and Commands; nor from committing several other great Crimes and Offences not deemed themselves punishable for the same here, nor accountable for such their Crimes and Offences to any Person within their respective Governments and Commands: For Remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Deputy Governor, or Commander in Chief of any Plantation or Colony within his Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, shall after the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred, be guilty of oppressing any of his Majesty's Subjects beyond the Seas, within their respective Governments or Commands, or shall be guilty of any other Crime or Offence, contrary to the Laws of this Realm, or in force within their respective Governments or Commands, such Oppressions, Crimes, and Offences, shall be enquired of, heard and determined in his Majesty's Court of King's Bench here in *England*, or before such Commissioners, and in such County of this Realm, as shall be assigned by his Majesty's Commission, and by good and lawful Men of the same County, and that such Punishments shall be inflicted on such Offenders, as are usually inflicted for Offences of like Nature committed here in *England*.

No.
11 and 12
William III.
c. 12.

Oppression of
Governors, &c.
of any Colony,
&c. beyond Sea,

may be tried in
England.

* It was lately stated in Parliament that this Act was repealed; but I have not been able to discover that that is the Case.

No. 34.

13 George III. c. 63.—An Act for establishing certain Regulations for the better Management of the Affairs of the *East India Company*, as well in *India* as in *Europe*.*

XXXIX. **A**ND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Governor-general, President, or Governor, or Council of any of the said Company's

No. 34.
13 George III.
c. 63.

* See Sec. 42. respecting the Examination of Witnesses, Pt. IV. Cl. X. No. 6.

No. 31.
23 George III.
c. 63.

If the Governor-general, President, &c. commit Offences, the same may be tried and determined in the Court of King's Bench.

Principal or other Settlements in *India*, or the Chief Justice, or any of the Judges of the said Supreme Court of Judicature to be by the said new Charter established, or of any other Court in any of the said United Company's Settlements, or any other Person or Persons who now are, or heretofore have been employed by or in the Service of the said United Company, in any Civil or Military Station, Office, or Capacity, or who have or claim, or heretofore have had or claimed, any Power or Authority, or Jurisdiction, by or from the said United Company, or any of his Majesty's Subjects residing in *India*, shall commit any Offence against this Act, or shall have been, or shall be, guilty of any Crime, Misdemeanor, or Offence, committed against any of his Majesty's Subjects, or any of the Inhabitants of *India*, within their respective Jurisdictions, all such Crimes, Offences, and Misdemeanours, may be respectively enquired of, heard, tried, and determined in his Majesty's Court of King's Bench, and all such Persons so offending, and not having been before tried for the same Offence in *India*, shall, on Conviction, in any such Case as is not otherwise specially provided for by this Act, be liable to such Fine or Corporal Punishment as the said Court shall think fit; and moreover shall be liable, at the Discretion of the said Court, to be adjudged to be incapable of serving the said United Company in any Office, Civil or Military; and all and every such Crimes, Offences, and Misdemeanours, as aforesaid, may be alleged to be committed, and may be laid, enquired of, and tried in the County of *Middlesex*.

No. 35.

24 George III. sess. 2. c. 25.—An Act for the better Regulation and Management of the Affairs of the *East India* Company, and of the *British* Possessions in *India*; and for establishing a Court of Judicature for the more speedy and effectual Trial of Persons accused of Offences committed in the *East Indies*.

No. 35.
24 George III.
sess. 2. c. 25.

Procedure against British Subjects who shall be guilty of Misdemeanours in the *East Indies*.

LXIV. **A**ND whereas it would conduce to the better Government, Management, and ordering of the Territories, Possessions, Revenues, and Commerce of the said United Company, if some more effectual Course than the Common Law hath provided were devised, for the prosecuting and bringing to speedy and condign Punishment Persons guilty of the Crime of Extortion, and other Misdemeanours, committed in the *East Indies* by British Subjects holding Offices or Employments there under his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or under the said United Company; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Coroner and Attorney of our Lord the King, in the Court of King's Bench, by Rule of the Court of King's Bench, to be obtained

upon Motion to be made for that Purpose, at the Instance of any Person or Persons (and which Rule the said Court is hereby empowered to grant at their Discretion, if the Magnitude and Circumstances of the Case shall appear to the said Court to render it proper), or for his Majesty's Attorney General, or for the Court of Directors or Court of Proprietors of the said United Company, in the Name of the said United Company, to exhibit in the said Court of King's Bench, an Information against any such Person, for any such Offence as aforesaid, committed after the first Day of *March*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five; whereupon the said Court shall and may, at the Instance of the Prosecutor, cause the Party against whom such Information shall have been exhibited as aforesaid to be attached, and may and shall order him to stand committed to the Prison of the *Murshulsen*, or to the Tower of *London*, or to the Gaol of *Newgate*, at the Discretion of the said Court, there to be detained until he shall be delivered by due Course of Law, or until he, together with two sufficient Sureties, shall have entered into a Recognizance unto the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in such Sum of Money, and with such Condition for his Appearance, and for satisfying the Judgment to be pronounced in and upon such Information, as to the said Court in its Discretion shall seem meet; and when the Defendant shall have appeared and pleaded to the said Information, the Chief Justice, or some of the Justices of the said Court of King's Bench, shall, within ten Days (unless any *Mandamus* shall be granted for the Examination of Witnesses as hereinafter provided, upon a Motion to be made within a Time to be limited by the said Court of King's Bench for that Purpose), deliver the Record of the said Information and Plea to the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, who shall thereupon issue a Commission under the said Great Seal in Manner hereinafter provided.

No. 35.
24 George III.
sess. 2. c. 25.

No. 36.

42 George III. c. 85.—An Act for the trying and punishing in *Great Britain* Persons holding public Employments, for Offences committed abroad; and for extending the Provisions of an Act, passed in the twenty-first Year of the Reign of King *James*, made for the Ease of Justices and others in pleading in Suits brought against them, to all Persons, either in or out of this Kingdom, authorized to commit to safe Custody.—[22d. June 1802.]

[See Pt. IV. Cl. XX. No. 6.]

No. 37.

46 George III. c. 54.—An Act for the more speedy Trial of Offences committed in distant Parts upon the Sea.
[23d. May 1806.]

[See Cl. XIII. No. 8.]

No. 38.

D 57 George III. c. 53.—An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Murders and Manslaughters committed in Places not within his Majesty's Dominions.
—[27th. June 1817.]

No. 38.
57 George III.
c. 53.
Murders and
Manslaughters
committed in
certain Foreign
Parts, may be
tried in any of
his Majesty's
Foreign Planta-
tions, in same
manner as Of-
fences commit-
ted on the High
Seas.

ALL Murders and Manslaughters committed or that shall be committed on Land at the Settlement in the Bay of Honduras by any Person or Persons residing or being within the said Settlement, and all Murders and Manslaughters committed or that shall be committed in the Islands of New Zealand and Otaheite, or within any other Islands, Countries, or Places not within his Majesty's Dominions, nor subject to any European State or Power, nor within the Territory of the United States of America, by the Master or Crew of any British Ship or Vessel, or any of them, or by any Person sailing in or belonging thereto, or that shall have sailed in or belonged to and have quitted any British Ship or Vessel to live in any of the said Islands, Countries, or Places, or either of them; or that shall be there living, shall and may be tried, adjudged, and punished in any of his Majesty's Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Ports or Factories, under or by virtue of the King's Commission or Commissions, which shall have been or which shall hereafter be issued under and by virtue and in pursuance of the Powers and Authorities of an Act passed in the forty-sixth Year of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more speedy Trial of Offences committed in distant Parts upon the Sea," in the same Manner as if such Offence or Offences had been committed on the High Seas.

40 G. 3. c. 54.

(G)

BENEFIT OF CLERGY—TRANSPORTATION*
—PENITENTIARY HOUSES.

* The earliest Act which imposed the Punishment of Transportation, is 39 Eliz. c. 4. "For the Punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds, and Sturdy Beggars;" by which it is provided, that Rogues, &c. may, by the Justices in Sessions, be banished out of the Realm, and conveyed, at the Charges

of the County, to such Parts beyond Seas as shall be assigned by the Privy Council, or otherwise adjudged perpetually to the Gallies of this Realm; and if any Royle so banished shall again return into the Realm, he shall be guilty of Felony; which Felony shall be determined in the County in which the Offender is apprehended.

The earliest subsisting Statute of which I am aware, which notices the Power of Transportation, is 22 Chas. II. c. 5. ante, Cl. VII. No. 16.

No. 1.

3 Edward I. c. 2.—A Clerk convict of Felony, delivered to the Ordinary, shall not depart without Purgation.

No. 2.

4 Edward I. c. 5. — *Bigamus* shall not be allowed his Clergy.

[See Note to the Title of 1 Jac. I. c. 11. ante, Cl. V. No. 12.]

No. 3.

9 Edward II. c. 16.—The Privilege of the Church being demanded by the Ordinary, shall not be denied to a Clerk that hath confessed Felony.

No. 4.

18 Edward III. st. 3. c. 2.—*Bigamy* shall be tried by the Ordinary, and not by Inquest.

[See Note to Cl. V. No. 12.]

No. 5.

25 Edward III. st. 3. c. 4.—Clerks convicted of Felony or Treason shall be delivered to their Ordinaries.

No. 6.

25 Edward III. st. 3. c. 5.—A Clerk shall be arraigned of all his Offences at once.

No. 7.

4 Henry IV. c. 3.—A Confirmation of the Liberties of the Church and Clergy. A Clerk convict for Treason, or being a common Thief, shall not make his Purgation.

No. 8.

4 Henry VII. c. 13.—Clergy shall be allowed but once.

A convict Person shall be marked with the Letters M. or T. A Provision for them which be within Orders.

No. 8.
4 Henry VII.
c. 13.

ITEM, Whereas upon Trust of the Privilege of the Church, divers Persons lettered have been the more bold to commit Murder, Rape, Robbery, Theft, and all other mischievous Deeds, because they have been continually admitted to the Benefit of the Clergy as oft as they did offend in any of the Premises; in avoiding such presumptuous Boldness, It is enacted, ordained and established by the Authority of this present Parliament, That every Person, not being within Orders, which once hath been admitted to the Benefit of his Clergy, estoons arraigned of any such Offence, be not admitted to have the Benefit or Priviledge of his Clergy: And that every Person so convicted for Murder, to be marked with an *M* upon the Braun of the left Thumb; and if he be for any other Felony, the same Person to be marked with a *T* in the same Place of the Thumb, and those Marks to be made by the Gaoler openly in the Court before the Judge, before that such Person be delivered to the Ordinary. Provided alway, if any Person at the second Time of asking his Clergy, because he is within Orders, hath not then and there ready his Letters of his Orders, or a Certificate of his Ordinary witnessing the same, that then the Justices, afore whom he is so arraigned, shall give him a Day by their Discretion to bring in his said Letters or Certificate; and if he fail, and bring not in at such a Day his said Letters, nor Certificate, then the same Person to lose the Benefit of his Clergy, as he shall do that is without Orders.

If any Person in Orders ask his Clergy, he shall produce his Orders, or his Ordinary's Certificate.

No. 9.

23 Henry VIII. c. 1.—An Act concerning Convikts in Petit Treason, Murder, &c.

No. 9.
23 Henry VIII.
c. 1.

Clergy not allowed to any Person under a Subdeacon.

WHERE at a Parliament holden at *Westminster* in the third Year of King *Edward* the First, the same King moved the Prelates of the Realm, and them enjoined upon their Faith that they owed to him, that in no wise they should deliver those Clerks which were indicted for Felony, without due Purgation, so that the said King should have no Need to put other Remedy in that Behalf; and that notwithstanding that Monition, divers and many Clerks convicted were accustomably delivered, and suffered to make their Purgations, to the great Courage of Evil-doers:

4 H. 4. c. 3.

II. By Occasion whereof afterward, at another Parliament holden at *Westminster* in the fourth Year of King *Henry* the Fourth, upon the Complaint of the Commons, the same

King Henry the Fourth then advertised the Prelates of the No. 9.
 Realm of the Premises, intending them to have provided Re- 23 Henry VIII.
 medy, by Authority of the said Parliament, as appertained to c. 1.
 his Prerogative Royal, for the Conservation of the Peace of the
 Crown; at which Time the Archbishop of Canterbury, for
 himself and all other Bishops of his Province, then openly
 promised to the same King Henry the Fourth, That if any
 Person from thenceforth were convict of any Treason which
 touched not the King nor his Royal Majesty, and such as
 were notoriously known and reputed for Thieves, and for such
 Cause delivered to any Ordinary as a Clerk convict, that the
 Ordinary, to whom such Person or Persons were delivered,
 should safely keep them after the Effect of a Constitution
 Provincial, to be made by the said Archbishop and Bishops
 after the Effect of the Letters of Simon, then afore that Time
 Archbishop of Canterbury, bearing Date the xij Calends of
 March, the Year of our Lord God M. CCC. L. And that no
 such Traitor nor Felon should make his Purgation against the
 said Constitution; which Constitution the said Archbishop
 then promised to deliver to the same King before his next
 Parliament, to the Intent that if it should seem to the same
 King, that the same Constitution were not sufficient Remedy
 for the Premises, that then the said King might provide such
 Remedy, as should appertain in that Behalf. Sithen which
 Time, the same Constitution was never notified ne shewed
 by the Prelates of this Realm, but continually sithen that
 Time manifest Thieves and Murderers, indicted and found
 guilty of their Misdeeds by good and substantial Inquests,
 and upon plain and provable Evidence before the King's
 Justices, and afterwards by the Usages of the Common Laws
 of the Land delivered to the Ordinaries as Clerks convict, be
 speedily and hastily delivered and set at large by the
 Ministers of the said Ordinaries, for Corruption and Lucre;
 or else because the Ordinaries, enclaining such Offenders by
 the Liberties of the Church, will in no wise take the Charges
 in safe keeping of them, but little regarding the Trial and
 Conviction of the said Offenders by the due and plain Course
 of the common Laws of the Land, do suffer them to make
 their Purgations by such as nothing know of their Misdeeds;
 and by such Fraud adnul and make void all the good and
 proveable Trial that is used against such Offender by the
 King's Laws, to the great Slander of such as pursue such Mis-
 doers, and to the pernicious Example, Increase, and Courage
 of such Offenders, if the King's Highness, by his Authority
 Royal, put not speedy Remedy in the Premises, as apper-
 taineth.

The Promise of
 the Clergy to
 the King for the
 safe keeping of
 notorious Offen-
 ders convict
 without Purga-
 tion.

The Ordinary's
 Abuse in suffer-
 ing notorious
 Felons to make
 Purgation.

III. Be it therefore enacted by the King our Sovereign
 Lord, and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Com-
 mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority
 of the same, That no Person nor Persons, which hereafter
 shall happen to be found guilty after the Laws of this Land,
 for any Manner of Petit Treason, or for any wilful Murder of

Clergy taken
 from several
 Persons which
 do commit di-
 vers Offences.
 Extended to
 Countries
 where the Rob-

No. 9. Malice prepensed, or for robbing of any Churches, Chapel, or other holy Places, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in their Dwelling Houses, or Dwelling Place, the Owner or Dweller in the same House, his Wife, his Children or Servants then being within, and put in Fear and Dread by the same, or for robbing of any Person or Persons in or near about the Highways, or for wilful burning of any Dwelling Houses, or Barns wherein any Grain of Corns shall happen to be, nor any Person or Persons being found guilty of any Abetment, Procurement, Helping, Maintaining, or Counseling, of or to any such Petit Treasons, Murders, or Felonies, shall from henceforth be admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy, but utterly be excluded thereof, and suffer Death in such Manner and Form, as they should have done for any the Causes or Offences above-said, if they were no Clerks; such as be within holy Orders, that is to say, of the Orders of Sub-deacon, or above, only except. (1.)

None within holy Orders convict of Murder, &c. shall make Purgation, unless he become bound with Sureties for his good Abearing.

IV. And he it further enacted by Authority aforesaid, That every such Person and Persons within such Orders of Sub-deacon, or above, which at any Time hereafter be found guilty of any Petit Treason, or of any Murder of Malice prepensed, or of any of the Felonies above rehearsed, or of any Accessary to Petit Treason, wilful Murder, or to any other the Felonies above specified, and admitted to his or their Clergy, and delivered to the Ordinary for the same, shall not in any wise from henceforth be suffered to any Purgation, nor be set at Liberty, but remain and abide in perpetual Prison, under the keeping of the Ordinary, to whom he shall be committed, and his Successors, without any Manner of Purgation during the natural Life of every such Convict, except only such Person or Persons so being within such holy Orders, and convict of or for any of the Offences aforesaid, and delivered to the Ordinary for the same, do find two sufficient Sureties by Recognisance before two of the King's Justices of his Peace, within the same Shire wherein the Petit Treason, Murder, or Felony, whereof he was convicted, was committed and done, whereof one of them to be of the *Quorum*, that such convict shall be of good abearing against the King our Sovereign Lord, his Laws and Subjects, every such Convict to be bound in the Sum of xl. li. and every his Sureties in xx. li. and that no Surety be taken, unless such as may dispend in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, yearly, above all Charges, of Estate of Inheritance of Charterhold, xxvi. s. viii. d. or else be worth xx. li. in moveable Substance at the Time of the taking such Recognisance; and that two Justices of Peace, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, by Authority aforesaid, have Power and Authority to take such Recognisance; and that the said Justices, afore whom any such Recognisance shall be taken, shall certify the same into the King's Bench, within four Months next after the taking thereof, upon Pain to lose and forfeit C. s. for every Default thereof.

Of what Estate the Sureties shall be.

(1.) These Offences, with some others, are altogether excluded from Clergy by Stat. 1 Edward VI. c. 12. ante, Class 2. No. 18.

V. Provided alway, That this Act extend not to give No. 9.
any Benefit to any such Person or Persons, which, after their 23 Henry VIII.
Confession, or Judgment given against them, of or for Felony, c. 1.
or Murder, or after they be outlawed for any such Cause, be If that is at-
admitted to their Clergy, and delivered to the Ordinary for the taint of Felony
same, but that they and every of them shall remain in the shall not make
Custody of the Ordinaries without making Purgation, upon his Purgation.
such Peril, and in such Manner and Form, as it was used
by the Common Law before the making of this present Act;
this Act or any Thing therein contained notwithstanding.

VI. Provided always, and it is further enacted, That An Ordinary
every Ordinary, to whose Custody any such Convict for any may degrade a
of the Offences above rehearsed shall be committed, may at convict Person,
his Liberty disgrace every such Convict after the Laws of the and send him to
Church, if he see Cause so to do, and send the Convict so dis- the King's
graded, in sure and safe Keeping, into the King's Bench, Bench.
with a Certificate under his Seal, testifying the said disgrading,
upon which the Justices of the King's Bench, having afore them
the Record upon which the said Person so disgraded was first
convict, shall give such like Judgement of Death upon the
same Record, against every such Person so convict, and dis-
graded, as the Justices afore whom he was convict might have
done if the said Person so disgraded, at the Time of his Con-
viction afore them, had been no Clerk; his Admission to his Clergy,
and committing to the Ordinary, ne any other Thing, Use
or Custom to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding; and that
every such Judgement shall be executed accordingly; and that
every Ordinary so sending any such Convict disgraded into the
King's Bench, shall be discharged against the King our Sove-
reign Lord, his Heirs and Successors, of or for any further
Custody or Keeping of the same Convict. This Act to con-
tinue unto the last Day of the next Parliament.

No. 10.

34 and 35 Henry VIII. c. 14.—An Act for a Certificate
of Convicts to be made into the King's Bench.

B.

WHERE before this Time divers Persons have been in-
dicted, arraigned and attainted, and some of them
Clerks convict, and some of them Clerks attainted, and some
of them outlawed for Murder, Burglary, Robbery and other
Felonies, before Justices of the Peace, Justices of Gaol-
delivery and Justices of Oyer and Determiner, within divers
Cities, Counties, Franchises and Liberties within this Realm,
the Records of which Attainders, Outlawries and Con-
victions, often and many Times by Negligence of the Clerk of
the Crown, Clerks of Peace, Clerks of Assize, and such
other as have had the Order, Rule, Keeping and Govern-
ance of the same Records, have been imbezled and not
ready to be objected against such Persons as have been newly
arraigned before our Sovereign Lord the King in his Bench,

No. 10.
34 and 35
Henry VIII.
c. 14.

No. 10. 'or before other the King's Justices, for like and such other
24 and 25
Henry VIII.
c. 14. 'Offences by them committed or done; and for that it hath
'not been certainly known whither to resort for the same Re-
'cords, because they were not certified into any Place certain,
'by reason whereof sometime such Persons and like Offenders
'which have been newly arraigned, as is aforesaid, have had
'the Benefit of his or their Clergy where they ought not, ne
'should have had the same, if the said Records had then been
'present in the same Place where such Person or Persons
'were so newly arraigned, or else certified into some other
'Place certain, where the same Records might have been
'seen, sent for or written for, to have been objected against
'such Person or Persons so newly arraigned; whereby as well
'the King our Sovereign Lord, as also all other Persons, have
'many Times lost their Escheats, and other Advantages and
'Forfeitures that they should have had by mean of the said
'Attainders, to the great Losses both of our said Sovereign
'Lord the King, and other Persons; and also the same Of-
'fenders have had their Clergy where they ought not so to
'have had, to the great Boldness and Encouraging of like
'Offenders.'

[II. Clerks of Assize, &c. shall certify into the King's Bench the Names of such as be outlawed, attainted or convicted of Felony.—A Transcript of an Indictment delivered to the Ordinary.—The Clerk of the Crown shall receive the Certificates.]

[III. No more Names shall be certified than are attainted, convicted, &c.]

[IV. The Clerk of the Crown shall certify the Names of Convicts to the Justices.]

[V. No Certificate out of Wales, Chester, Lancaster, Durham.]

No. 11.

1 Edward VI. c. 12.—An Act for the Repeal of certain Statutes concerning Treasons and Felonies.

[Inserted at large Cl. II. No. 18.]

No. 11. **XIV.** **AND** over that, be it enacted by the Authority afore-
1 Edward VI.
c. 12. said, That in all and every Case and Cases, where any of the King's Majesty's Subjects shall and may, upon his Prayer, have the Privilege of Clergy as a Clerk convict, that may make Purgation; in all those Cases and every of them, and also in all and every Case and Cases of Felony, wherein the Privilege and Benefit of Clergy is restrained, excepted or taken away by this Statute or Act, (wilful Murder and Poisoning of Malice prepensed only excepted) the Lord and Lords of the Parliament, and Peer and Peers of the Realm, having Place and Voice in Parliament, shall by Virtue of this present Act, of Common Grace, upon his or their Request or Prayer, alledging that he is a Lord or Peer of this Realm, and

A Lord of the Parliament shall have his Clergy for his first Offence of Felony, though he cannot read, and without burning.

claiming the Benefit of this Act, though he cannot read, without any burning in the Hand, Loss of Inheritance or Corruption of his Blood, be adjudged, deemed, taken and used for the first Time only, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as a Clerk convict, and shall be in Case of a Clerk convict, which may make Purgation, without any further or other Benefit or Privilege of Clergy to any such Lord or Peer from thenceforth at any Time after for any Cause to be allowed, adjudged or admitted; any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, or any other Thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

No. 11.
Edward VI.
c. 12.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, that by this Statute or by any other Statutes or Laws of this Realm ought to have or be admitted to the Benefit of his or their Clergy; that the same Person and Persons shall be from henceforth admitted and allowed to have his or their Clergy, although they or any of them have been divers and sundry Times married to any single Woman or single Women, or to any Widow or Widows, or to two Wives or more; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Bigamus allowed his Clergy.

No. 12.

4 and 5 Philip and Mary, c. 4.—An Act that Accessaries in Murder and divers Felonies shall not have the Benefit of Clergy.

[See Class IV. No. 13.]

No. 13.

8 Elizabeth, c. 4.—An Act to take away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders for Felony.

[Inserted Class VII. No. 11.]

[Sec. III. Where one shall be arraigned for a former Offence, having his Clergy for a latter.]

No. 14.

18 Elizabeth, c. 7.—An Act to take away Clergy from the Offenders in Rape or Burglary, and an Order for the Delivery of Clerks convict without Purgation.

[Inserted Class V. No. 10.]

[Sec. II. No Man allowed his Clergy shall be committed to the Ordinary, but presently delivered.]

[III. The Justices may retain Offenders in Prison for a Time.]

[V. He that is allowed his Clergy shall answer to other Felonies.]

No. 15.

21 James I. c. 6.—An Act concerning Women convicted of small Felonies.

No. 15.
21 James I.
c. 6.

For Felony
where Clergy
allowed to the
Man, the Wo-
man shall be
burned in the
Hand.

WHEREAS by the Laws of this Realm the Benefit of Clergy is not allowed to Women convicted of Felony, by reason whereof many Women do suffer Death for 'small Causes;' be it enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That any Woman being lawfully convicted by her Confession, or by the Verdict of twelve Men, of or for the felonious taking of any Money, Goods or Chattels above the Value of Twelve-pence, and under the Value of ten Shillings or as accessory to any such Offence, the said Offence being no Burglary nor Robbery in or near the Highway, nor the felonious taking of any Money, Goods, or Chattels, from the Person of any Man or Woman privily, without his or their Knowledge, but only such an Offence, as in the like Case a Man might have his Clergy, shall for the first Offence be branded and marked in the Hand, upon the Brawn of the left Thumb, with a hot burning Iron, having a Roman T upon the said Iron: The said Mark to be made by the Gaoler openly in the Court before the Judge; and also to be further punished by Imprisonment, Whipping, Stocking, or sending to the House of Correction, in such Sort, Manner, and Form, and for so long Time (not exceeding the Space of one whole Year) as the Judge, Judges, or other Justices before whom she shall be so convicted, or which shall have Authority in the Cause, shall in their Discretion think meet, according to the Quality of the Offence, and then to be delivered out of Prison for that Offence; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. This Act to continue until the End of the first Session of the next Parliament. [3 Car. 1. c. 4. continued until the End of the first Session of the next Parliament, and farther continued by 16 Car. 1. c. 4.]

No. 16.

3 William and Mary, c. 9.—An Act to take away Clergy from some Offenders, and to bring others to Punishment.

[Repealed Cl. VII. No. 17.]

[Sec. VI. Women convict of Crimes for which Men have their Clergy, upon Prayer punished as Men. By 4 and 5 W. and M. c. 24. sec. 13. Women to have Clergy but once.]

[VII. Where a Person has had his Clergy in another County, Clerk of the Crown, &c., shall certify it.]

No. 17.

4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 24.—An Act for reviving, continuing and explaining several Laws therein mentioned, which are expired and near expiring.

B.

XIII. **A**ND whereas by an Act, made at the last Session of this present Parliament, intituled, "An Act to take away Clergy from some Offenders, and to bring others to Punishment," it was enacted, in Cases where a Man, being convicted of Felony, might demand the Benefit of his Clergy, a Woman convicted for such like Offence, and praying the Benefit of that Statute, should not have Judgement of Death given against her upon such Conviction, or Execution awarded upon any Outlawry for such Offence, but should suffer the same Punishment as a Man who hath the Benefit of his Clergy in the like Case should suffer: And whereas some Doubt hath arisen upon the said Statute, whether a Woman should have the Benefit thereof more than once; be it therefore declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Woman hath been, or at any Time hereafter shall be convicted of any Felony, for which a Man might have the Benefit of Clergy, and upon her Prayer hath once had, or hereafter shall once have the Benefit of the said Statute, and shall be again convicted of any other Felony, for which a Man might have the Benefit of his Clergy, such Woman shall be, and is hereby totally excluded from having any Benefit or Advantage of the said Statute, but shall suffer Pains of Death, in such and the same Manner as if the said Statute had not been made. And be it further enacted, That the said last mentioned Act shall continue and be in Force for the Space of three Years, from the thirteenth Day of February one thousand six hundred ninety-two, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer. [Made perpetual by 6 and 7 W. 3. c. 14. sect. 1.]

No. 17.
4 and 5 William
and Mary,
c. 24.

Women to have
Benefit of Cler-
gy only once.

3 & 4 W. & M.
c. 9. continued
for three Years.

No. 18.

10. and 11 William III. c. 23.—An Act for the better apprehending, prosecuting and punishing of Felony that commit Burglary, House-breaking, or Robbers in Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses or Stables, or that steal Horses.

[Sec. VI. Persons convicted of Theft or Larceny, instead of burning in the Hand, to be burnt in the left Cheek in open Court.]

No. 19.

5 Anne, c. 6.—An Act for repealing a Clause in an Act, intituled, “An Act for the better apprehending, prosecuting, and punishing Felons that commit Burglaries, House-breaking, or Robberies in Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, or Stables, or that steal Horses.”

[Inserted Cl. VII. No. 30.]

[I. 10 and 11. W. 3. c. 23. Clause for burning of Offenders in the Cheek repealed.]

[II. Offenders to be burnt in the Hand as formerly; and committed to Workhouse, &c. for six Months, &c. Penalty on such as refuse to work.]

[III. If Offenders escape and be retaken, to be committed to Workhouse for twelve Months, &c. and kept at hard Labour.

[IV. Felons convict, to have Benefit of this Act, without being required to read, &c.]

No. 20.

4 George I. c. 11.—An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons and unlawful Exporters of Wool; and for declaring the Law upon some Points relating to Pirates.

No. 20.
4 George I.
c. 11.

This Act is enforced,
6 Geo. 1. c. 23.

Persons convicted of Offences within Benefit of Clergy, except Receivers and Buyers of stolen Goods, shall be sent to the Plantations for seven Years.

WHEREAS it is found by Experience, That the Punishments inflicted by the Laws now in Force against the Offences of Robbery, Larceny and other felonious Taking and Stealing of Money and Goods, have not proved effectual to deter wicked and evil-disposed Persons from being guilty of the said Crimes: And whereas many Offenders to whom Royal Mercy hath been extended, upon Condition of transporting themselves to the *West Indies*, have often neglected to perform the said Condition, but returned to their former Wickedness, and been at last for new Crimes brought to a shameful and ignominious Death: And whereas in many of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, there is great Want of Servants, who by their Labour and Industry might be the means of improving and making the said Colonies and Plantations more useful to this Nation: Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That where any Person or Persons have been convicted of any Offence within the Benefit of Clergy, before the twentieth Day of *January* one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, and are liable to be whipt or burnt in the Hand, or have been ordered to any Workhouse, and who shall be therein on the said twentieth Day of *January*; as also where any Person or Persons shall be

hereafter convicted of Grand or Petit Larceny, or any felonious Stealing or Taking of Money or Goods and Chattels, either from the Person, or the House of any other, or in any other Manner, and who by the law shall be entitled to the Benefit of Clergy, and liable only to the Penalties of Burning in the Hand or Whipping, (except Persons convicted for receiving or buying stolen Goods, knowing them to be stolen) it shall and may be lawful for the Court before whom they were convicted, or any Court held at the same Place with the like Authority, if they think fit, instead of ordering any such Offenders to be burnt in the Hand, or whipt, to order and direct, That such Offenders, as also such Offenders in any Workhouse, as aforesaid, shall be sent as soon as conveniently may be, to some of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America for the Space of Seven Years; and that Court before whom they were convicted, or any subsequent Court held at the same Place, with like Authority as the former, shall have Power to convey, transfer and make over, such Offenders, by Order of Court, to the Use of any Person or Persons who shall contract for the Performance of such Transportation, to him or them, and his and their Assigns, for such Term of Seven Years; and where any Persons have been convicted, or do now stand attainted of any Offences whatsoever, for which Death by Law ought to be inflicted, or where any Offenders shall hereafter be convicted of any Crimes whatsoever, for which they are by Law to be excluded the Benefit of Clergy, and his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, shall be graciously pleased to extend Royal Mercy to any such Offenders, upon the Condition of Transportation to any Part of America, and such Intention of Mercy be signified by one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Court having proper Authority, to allow such Offenders the Benefit of a Pardon under the Great Seal, and to order and direct the like Transfer and Conveyance to any Person or Persons, (who will contract for the Performance of such Transportation) and to his and their Assigns, of any such before-mentioned Offenders, as also of any Person or Persons convicted of receiving or buying stolen Goods, knowing them to be stolen, for the Term of fourteen Years, in case such Condition of Transportation be general, or else for such other Term or Terms as shall be made Part of such Condition, if any particular Time be specified by his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as aforesaid; and such Person or Persons so contracting, as aforesaid, his or their Assigns, by virtue of such Order of Transfer, as aforesaid, shall have a Property and Interest in the Service of such Offenders for such Term of Years.

No. 20.
4 George I.
c. 11.

Court to contract for their Transportation.

Persons convicted of Offences, excluded Benefit of Clergy, and also Receivers and Buyers of stolen Goods may be transported for 14 Years; and Persons contracting for their Transportation have Property in their Service.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Offender or Offenders, so ordered by any such Court to be transported for any Term of seven Years or fourteen Years, or other Time or Times, as aforesaid, shall return into any Part of Great Britain or Ireland before the End of his

Returning before Expiration of Term, Death.

No. 20.
George I.
c. 11.

The King may
pardon such
Transportation,
the Offender
Owing his
pawner.

Contractors to
give Security,

and procure
certificates from
the Governor,
&c.

or their said Term, he or she so returning, as aforesaid, shall be liable to be punished as any Person attainted of Felony without the Benefit of Clergy; and Execution may and shall be awarded against such Offender or Offenders accordingly: Provided nevertheless, That his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, may at any Time pardon and dispense with any such Transportation, and allow of the Return of any such Offender or Offenders from *America*, he or they paying their Owner or Proprietor, at the Time of such Pardon, Dispensation, or Allowance, such Sum of Money as shall be adjudged reasonable, by any two Justices of the Peace residing within the Province where such Owner dwells; and where any such Offenders shall be transported, and shall have served their respective Terms, according to the Order of any such Court, as aforesaid, such Services shall have the Effect of a Pardon to all Intents and Purposes, as for that Crime or Crimes for which they were so transported, and shall have so served, as aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Person or Persons to whom any such Court shall order any such Offenders to be transferred or conveyed, as aforesaid, before any of them shall be delivered over to such Person or Persons, or his or their Assigns, to be transported, as aforesaid, he or they shall contract and agree with such Person or Persons as shall be ordered and appointed by such Court as aforesaid, and give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Court, that he or they will transport, or cause to be transported effectually such Offenders so conveyed to him or them, as aforesaid, to some of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, as shall be ordered by the said Court, and procure an authentick Certificate from the Governor, or the chief Custom-house Officer of the Place (which Certificate they are hereby required to give forthwith, without Fee or Reward, as soon as conveniently may be) of the Landing of such Offenders so transferred, as aforesaid, in that Place whereto they shall be ordered (Death and Casualties of the Sea excepted) and that none of the said Offenders shall be suffered to return from the said Place to any Part of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* by the wilful Default of such Person or Persons so contracting, as aforesaid, or by the wilful Default of his or their Assigns.

V. And whereas there are many idle Persons who are under the Age of one and twenty Years, lurking about in divers Parts of *London*, and elsewhere, who want Employment, and may be tempted to become Thieves, if not provided for: And whereas they may be inclined to be transported, and to enter into Services in some of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*; but as they have no Power to contract for themselves, and therefore that it is not safe for Merchants to transport them, to take them into such Services: Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Person of the Age of fifteen Years or more, and under the Age of twenty-one, shall be willing to be transported

ed, and to enter into any Service in any of his Majesty's Colo-
nies or Plantations in *America*, it shall and may be lawful for
any Merchant, or other, to contract with any such Person, for
any such Service, not exceeding the Term of eight Years;
Provided such Person so binding him or herself do come before
the Lord Mayor of *London*, or some other Justice of the
Peace of the City, if such Contract be made within the same,
or the Liberties thereof, or before some other two Justices of
the Peace of the Place where such Contract shall be made,
if made elsewhere, and before such Magistrate or Magistrates
acknowledge such Consent, and do sign such Contract in his
or their Presence, and with his or their Approbation; and
that then it shall be lawful for any such Merchant or other, to
transport such Person so binding him or herself, and to keep
him or her within any of the said Plantations or Colonies,
according to the Tenor of such Contract, as aforesaid; any
Law or Statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;
which said Contract and Approbation of such Magistrate or
Magistrates, with the Tenor of such Contract, shall be certi-
fied by such Magistrate or Magistrates to the next General
Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, held for that County where
such Magistrate or Magistrates shall reside, to be registered
by the Clerk of the Peace without Fee or Reward.

No. 20.
4 George I.
c. 11.
Merchants, or
others, may
contract with
Persons of the
Age of 15, and
under 21, to
serve them in
America for
8 Years.
Contract, &c.,
to be certified
to the Quarter
Sessions.

No. 21.

6 George I. c. 23.—An Act for the further preventing
Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the
more effectual Transportation of Felons.

‘I. **W**HEREAS the Laws in being have not yet proved
Effectual to the Suppressing of Robbery, Burglary,
and other Felonies, and to the Transportation of Felons, and
some of the said Laws wanting to be amended and enforced;
Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and
with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Tem-
poral, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,
and by the Authority of the same, That all the Powers and
Authorities which are in and by an Act made in the fourth Year
of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, “An Act for
the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies,
and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and un-
lawful Exporters of Wool; and for declaring the Law upon
some Points relating to Pirates,” given to any Court before
whom any Felons and Offenders, tried for and convicted of
any Offences for which they may be sent or transported to any
of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, shall and
may be observed and executed by any other subsequent Court
with like Authority, held for the same County, Riding, Divi-
sion, or Liberty, where such Felons or Offenders were or shall
be tried and convicted, notwithstanding such other subsequent

No. 21.
6 George I.
c. 23.
All the Powers
given by 4 Geo.
I. c. 11. may
be executed by
any subsequent
Court, held for
the same Coun-
ty, &c. though
at another
Place.

No. 23. convicted of any Crimes for which he or she is by Law to be
 8 George III. c. 45. excluded the Benefit of Clergy, and the Judge or Justice of
 Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery, in any County, City,
 or Place, before whom any such Offender shall be convicted
 or condemned, shall grant a Reprieve for the staying of Exe-
 cution of such Offender, and recommend him or her to his
 Majesty as a proper Object of his Majesty's Mercy; if his Ma-
 jesty, his Heirs, or Successors, shall be graciously pleas'd to
 extend Royal Mercy to any such Offender upon Condition of
 Transportation to any Part of *America*, and such Intention of
 Mercy shall be signified by one of his Majesty's principal Secre-
 taries of State to the Judge so recommending; it shall and may
 be lawful for every such Judge, or Justice of Oyer and Ter-
 miner or Gaol Delivery, to make an Order for the immediate
 Transportation of every such Offender, in the same Manner as
 if such Intention of Mercy had been signified to him by one of
 his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, during the Con-
 tinuance of the Assizes at which such Offender was condemn-
 ed; and such Order shall be considered as an Order made at
 such Assizes or Place, and shall be as effectual, to every Intent
 and Purpose, and shall have all the same Consequences in
 every Respect, as any Order for the Transportation of any Of-
 fender made by any Justice of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol
 Delivery for such County, City, or Place; and such Offender
 shall be transferred, conveyed, and made over, to any Per-
 son who will contract for the Performance of such Transporta-
 tion, and to his and their Assigns, for the Term of fourteen
 Years, in case such Condition of Transportation be general;
 or else for such other Term or Terms as shall be made Part
 of such Condition, if any particular Time be specified by his
 Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as aforesaid: And such
 Person or Persons so contracting as aforesaid, his or their
 Assigns, by virtue of such Order of Transfer as aforesaid, shall
 have a Property and Interest in the Service of the said Of-
 fender, for such Terms as aforesaid; and such Transportation
 shall have the Effect of a Pardon under the Great Seal for such
 Offender, as to the Crime of which he or she was so convicted;
 But if such Offender, so ordered for Transportation, shall be
 afterwards at large within any Part of this Kingdom of *Great*
Britain, without some lawful Cause, before the Expiration
 of the Term for which such Offender shall have been ordered to
 be transported; every such Person, being thereof lawfully
 convicted, shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without
 Benefit of Clergy; and shall be tried before such Judges, and
 in such Manner, and the same Evidence made use of for his or
 her Conviction, as are directed, by the Laws now in being,
 for the Trial of other Felons found at large within this King-
 dom before the Expiration of the Term for which they were
 ordered to be transported: And whoever shall discover, ap-
 prehend, and prosecute to Conviction of Felony without Bene-
 fit of Clergy, any such Offender so found at large within this
 Kingdom, shall be intitled to the like Reward of twenty

Pounds, and Certificate, and in the same Manner, as any Person may be intitled to for discovering, apprehending, and prosecuting to Conviction, any Person ordered to be transported, and found at large within this Kingdom before the Expiration of the Term for which such Person was ordered to be transported.

No. 23.
8 George III.
c. 15.

No. 24.

6 George III. c. 43.—An Act to authorise, for a limited Time, the Punishment by Hard Labour of Offenders who, for certain Crimes, are or shall become liable to be transported to any of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations. *

* This was a temporary Act, passed for two Years - It was the Act which first introduced the Punishment of the Hulk.

No. 25.

19 George III. c. 74.—An Act to explain and amend the Laws relating to the Transportation, Imprisonment, and other Punishment, of certain Offenders. †

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WHEREAS the Punishment of Felons, and other Offenders, by Transportation to his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, is attended with many Difficulties: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the first Day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, when any Person, at any Session of Oyer and Terminer, or Gaol Delivery, or at any Quarter or other General Session of the Peace, to be holden for any County, Riding, Liberty, Division, City, Corporation, or Place, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, or at any Great Session to be holden for the County Palatine of *Chester*, or within the Principality of *Wales*, shall be lawfully convicted of any Grand or Petty Larceny, or any other Crime, for which he or she is or shall be liable by Law to be transported to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*; or if any Person convicted of such Crime hath already been ordered to be so transported, but such Order hath not yet been executed; it shall and may be lawful for the Court before which any such Person hath been or shall be so convicted; or any Court holden for the same Place with like Authority, if such Court shall think fit, to order and adjudge that such Person shall be transported to any Parts beyond the

No. 25.
19 George III.
c. 74.

When any Person is convicted, of any Crime punishable by Transportation to *America*, the Court may order him to be transported to any Parts beyond the Seas, either in *America*, or elsewhere.

† This Act (which first provided for the System of Penitentiary Houses, but in that Respect was never carried into Execution,) is expired, except as to the Clauses inserted.

No. 23. convicted of any Crimes for which he or she is by Law to be
8 George III. excluded the Benefit of Clergy, and the Judge or Justice of
c. 45. Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery, in any County, City, or Place, before whom any such Offender shall be convicted or condemned, shall grant a Reprieve for the staying of Execution of such Offender, and recommend him or her to his Majesty as a proper Object of his Majesty's Mercy; if his Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, shall be graciously pleased to extend Royal Mercy to any such Offender upon Condition of Transportation to any Part of *America*, and such Intention of Mercy shall be signified by one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State to the Judge so recommending; it shall and may be lawful for every such Judge, or Justice of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery, to make an Order for the immediate Transportation of every such Offender, in the same Manner as if such Intention of Mercy had been signified to him by one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, during the Continuance of the Assizes at which such Offender was condemned; and such Order shall be considered as an Order made at such Assizes or Place, and shall be as effectual, to every Intent and Purpose, and shall have all the same Consequences in every Respect, as any Order for the Transportation of any Offender made by any Justice of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery for such County, City, or Place; and such Offender shall be transferred, conveyed, and made over, to any Person who will contract for the Performance of such Transportation, and to his and their Assigns, for the Term of fourteen Years, in case such Condition of Transportation be general; or else for such other Term or Terms as shall be made Part of such Condition, if any particular Time be specified by his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as aforesaid: And such Person or Persons so contracting as aforesaid, his or their Assigns, by virtue of such Order of Transfer as aforesaid, shall have a Property and Interest in the Service of the said Offender, for such Terms as aforesaid; and such Transportation shall have the Effect of a Pardon under the Great Seal for such Offender, as to the Crime of which he or she was so convicted; But if such Offender, so ordered for Transportation, shall be afterwards at large within any Part of this Kingdom of *Great Britain*, without some lawful Cause, before the Expiration of the Term for which such Offender shall have been ordered to be transported; every such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy; and shall be tried before such Judges, and in such Manner, and the same Evidence made use of for his or her Conviction, as are directed, by the Laws now in being, for the Trial of other Felons found at large within this Kingdom before the Expiration of the Term for which they were ordered to be transported: And whoever shall discover, apprehend, and prosecute to Conviction of Felony without Benefit of Clergy, any such Offender so found at large within this Kingdom, shall be intitled to the like Reward of twenty

Pounds, and Certificate, and in the same Manner, as any Person may be intitled to for discovering, apprehending, and prosecuting to Conviction, any Person ordered to be transported, and found at large within this Kingdom Before the Expiration of the Term for which such Person was ordered to be transported.

No. 23.
8 George III.
c. 15.

No. 24.

16 George III. c. 43.—An Act to authorise, for a limited Time, the Punishment by Hard Labour of Offenders who, for certain Crimes, are or shall become liable to be transported to any of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations.*

* This was a temporary Act, passed for two Years.—It was the Act which introduced the Punishment of the Whips.

No. 25.

19 George III. c. 74.—An Act to explain and amend the Laws relating to the Transportation, Imprisonment, and other Punishment, of certain Offenders.†

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[WHEREAS the Punishment of Felons, and other Offenders, by Transportation to his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, is attended with many Difficulties: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the first Day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, when any Person, at any Session of Oyer and Terminer, or Gaol Delivery, or at any Quarter or other General Session of the Peace, to be holden for any County, Riding, Liberty, Division, City, Corporation, or Place, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, or at any Great Session to be holden for the County Palatine of *Chester*, or within the Principality of *Wales*, shall be lawfully convicted of any Grand or Petty Larceny, or any other Crime, for which he or she is or shall be liable by Law to be transported to any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*; or if any Person convicted of such Crime hath already been ordered to be so transported, but such Order hath not yet been executed; it shall and may be lawful for the Court before which any such Person hath been or shall be so convicted; or any Court holden for the same Place with like Authority, if such Court shall think fit, to order and adjudge that such Person shall be transported to any Parts beyond the

No. 25.
19 George III.
c. 74.

When any Person is convicted, of any Crime punishable by Transportation to *America*, the Court may order him to be transported to any Parts beyond the Seas, either in *America*, or elsewhere.

† This Act (which first provided for the System of Penitentiary Houses, but in that Respect was never carried into Execution) is expired, except as to the Clauses inserted.

No. 25. Seas, whether the same be situated in *America*, or elsewhere,
 19 George III. in such and the like Manner, and for any Term of Years not
 c. 74. exceeding such and the same Term as and for which such
 Person is or shall be liable to be transported to any of his
 Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America* aforesaid; any
 Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. (1.)

When any Con-
 vict shall be or-
 dered for Trans-
 portation as
 aforesaid, or any
 Offender, ex-
 cluded from Be-
 nefit of Clergy,
 shall receive his
 Majesty's Par-
 don on Condi-
 tion of Trans-
 portation, all
 Laws relating,
 &c. shall be in
 force.

II. And be it further enacted, That when any such Person
 who hath already been, or shall hereafter be so convicted,
 shall, in consequence thereof, be ordered to be transported to
 any Parts beyond the Seas, or if his Majesty, his Heirs and
 Successors, shall hereafter be graciously pleased to extend the
 Royal Mercy to any Offender convicted or attainted of any
 Felony by which he or she is excluded from the Benefit of
 Clergy, or of such Statutes as are equivalent thereunto, upon
 the Condition of Transportation to any Parts beyond the
 Seas as aforesaid, then and in any such Cases all Laws,
 Statutes, Usages, and Customs now in force, with regard to
 the Transportation of Criminals to any of his Majesty's Colo-
 nies or Plantations in *America*, and their Punishment for being
 afterwards at large, within any Part of the Kingdom of *Great*
Britain, before the Expiration of the several Terms for which
 they were ordered to be transported, or had agreed to trans-
 port themselves, and particularly the several Provisions con-
 tained in an Act, made in the fourth Year of King *George* the
First, intituled, "An Act for the further preventing Robbery,
 Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual
 Transportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool;
 and for declaring the Law upon some Points relating to
 Pirates;" and in one other Act, made in the sixth Year of
 King *George* the First, intituled, "An Act for the further pre-
 venting Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the
 more effectual Transportation of Felons;" and in one other
 Act, made in the sixteenth Year of his late Majesty King
George the Second, intituled, "An Act for the more easy and
 effectual Conviction of Offenders found at large, within the
 Kingdom of *Great Britain*, after they have been ordered for
 Transportation;" and in one other Act, made in the eighth
 Year of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more
 speedy and effectual Transportation of Offenders," shall take
 place, be in force, and enure, with regard to the Transporta-
 tion of all such Offenders as aforesaid, to any Part or Parts be-
 yond the Seas, and with regard to their Punishment for being
 afterwards at large in this Kingdom before the Expiration of
 their respective Terms, in like Manner as if the same had
 been repeated and specially inserted in this Act.

III. And whereas the Punishment of Burning in the
 Hand, when any Person is convicted of Felony within the
 Benefit of Clergy, is often disregarded, and ineffectual;
 and sometimes may fix a lasting Mark of Disgrace and
 Infamy on Offenders, who might otherwise become good

(1.) This and the next Section are continued by several Acts; and by
 Stat. 56 Geo. III. c. 27. ~~part~~ are continued to May, 1821.

'Subjects, and profitable Members of the Commonwealth;' No. 25.
 be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of 19 George III.
 this Act, when any Person shall, in any of the Courts before
 mentioned, be lawfully convicted of any Felony within the c 74
 Benefit of Clergy, for which he or she is liable by Law to be When any Person is liable to be burnt in the Hand, the Court may, instead, impose a moderate Fine, or order him to be whipped.
 burned or marked in the Brawn of the left Thumb, it shall
 and may be lawful for the Court before which any Person shall
 be so convicted, or any Court holden for the same Place with
 the like Authority, if such Court shall think fit, instead of such
 Burning or Marking, to impose upon such Offender such
 a moderate pecuniary Fine as to the Court in its Discretion
 shall seem meet; or otherwise it shall be lawful, instead of
 such Burning or Marking, in any of the Cases aforesaid,
 except in the Case of Manslaughter, to order and adjudge
 that such Offender shall be once, or oftener, but not more than
 three Times, either publicly or privately whipped, such
 private Whipping to be inflicted in the Presence of not less
 than two Persons, besides the Offender and the Officer who
 inflicts the same; and in case of Female Offenders, in the
 Presence of Females only; and such Fine or Whipping, so
 imposed or inflicted, instead of such Burning or Marking,
 shall have the like Effects and Consequences to the Party on
 whom the same, or either of them, shall be so imposed or
 inflicted, with respect to any Discharge from the same, or
 other Felonies, or any Restitution to his or her Estates, Capacities,
 and Credits, as if he or she had been burned or marked
 as aforesaid. (2.)

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That
 nothing in this Act contained shall abridge or deprive any
 of the said Courts of the Powers now vested in them by Law,
 of detaining and keeping in Prison, for any Time not exceeding
 one Year, or of committing to the House of Correction,
 or publick Workhouse, to be kept to hard Labour for any
 Time not less than six Months, or exceeding two Years, any
 such Offender as aforesaid; but that such Offender may, if
 such Court shall think fit, after such Burning or Marking, or
 after such Whipping or Fine, as shall by virtue of this present
 Act be inflicted or imposed instead thereof, be so detained or
 committed, and with such accumulated Punishment, in case
 of Escape from such House of Correction or Workhouse, as if
 this Act had never been made.

LXV. And be it further enacted; That if any Person Punishment of
 who shall be ordered to hard Labour in any of the Places of Persons who
 Confinement to be appointed by virtue of this Act, instead of shall break
 being capitally punished, shall, at any Time during the Term Prison, or
 for which he or she shall be so ordered to Confinement, break escape Custody.
 Prison, or escape from the Place of his or her Confinement,
 or in his or her Conveyance to such Place of Confinement, or
 from the Person or Persons having the lawful Custody of such
 Offender, he or she so breaking Prison or escaping, shall be

No. 25. guilty of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; but in case he
 19 George III. or she so breaking Prison, or escaping, hath been ordered to
 c. 74. hard Labour instead of Transportation, he or she shall be
 punished by an Addition of three Years to the Term for which
 he or she, at the Time of his or her Breach of Prison, or
 Escape, was subject to be confined; and if such Person, so
 punished by such Addition to the Term of Confinement, shall
 afterwards be convicted of a second Escape, or Breach of
 Prison, he or she shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, without
 Benefit of Clergy. (4.)

If any Person
 shall rescue, or
 attempt to res-
 cue, any Offender
 ordered to
 hard Labour,
 &c.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person
 shall rescue any Offender, who by force of this Act, or any
 Part of it, shall be ordered to hard Labour, in any Place of
 Confinement appointed by virtue of this Act, either during the
 Time of his or her Conveyance to the Place appointed for such
 hard Labour, or whilst such Offender shall be in the Custody
 of the Person or Persons under whose Care and Charge he or
 she shall be so confined; or if any Person shall be aiding or
 assisting in any such Rescue; every such Person so rescuing,
 aiding, or assisting, shall be guilty of Felony, and may be
 ordered to hard Labour in any Place of Confinement appointed
 by virtue of this Act, for any Term not less than one, nor
 exceeding five Years: And if any Person having the Custody
 of any such Offender as aforesaid, or being employed by the
 Person having such Custody, as a Keeper, Under Keeper,
 Turnkey, Assistant, or Guard, shall voluntarily permit such
 Offender to escape; or if any Person whatsoever shall, by
 supplying Arms, Tools, or Instruments of Disguise, or other-
 wise, be in any Manner aiding and assisting to any such
 Offender in any Escape, or in any Attempt to make an
 Escape, though no Escape be actually made, or shall attempt
 to rescue any such Offender, or be aiding and assisting in any
 such Attempt, though no Rescue be actually made, every such
 Person so permitting, attempting, aiding, or assisting, shall
 be guilty of Felony; and if any Person having such Custody,
 or being so employed by the Person having such Custody as
 aforesaid, shall negligently permit any such Offender to escape,
 such Person so permitting shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor;
 and, being lawfully convicted of the same, shall be liable to
 Fine or Imprisonment, or to both, at the Discretion of the
 Court.

every such Per-
 son shall be
 guilty of Felony.

Trial and Con-
 viction of Of-
 fenders for
 making Escape,
 &c.

LXVII. And, to the Intent that the Prosecutions for
 Escapes, Breaches of Prison, and Rescues, may be carried
 on with as little Trouble and Expence as is possible; be it
 further enacted, That any Offender escaping, breaking Pri-
 son, or being rescued, in Manner aforesaid, may and shall
 be tried before the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or Gaol
 Delivery, or at the Great Sessions for the County where he or
 she shall be apprehended and re-taken; and in case of any
 Prosecution for any such Escape, Attempt to Escape, Breach

(4.) This and the two following Sections are incorporated, by Reference,
 in Stat. 31 Geo. III. c. 46.

of Prison, or Rescue, either against the Offender escaping, or attempting to escape, or having broke Prison, or been rescued, or against any other Person or Persons concerned therein, or aiding, abetting, or assisting the same, a Copy, properly attested, of the Certificate herein-before directed to be given to the Sheriff or Gaoler by the Clerk of the Assize, or other Clerk for the Time being of the Court in which such Offender shall be convicted, and by such Sheriff or Gaoler to be delivered, together with the Offender, to such Governor or Superintendant as aforesaid, and by such Governor or Superintendant to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace, to be filed with the Records of the Sessions, shall, after Proof made that the Person then in question before the Court is the same that was delivered with such Certificate, be sufficient Evidence to the Court and Jury, not only of the Nature and Fact of the Conviction itself, and the Species of Confinement to which such Person was ordered, but also that the Person then in question is the same that was so convicted, and ordered to such Confinement.

No. 25.
29 George III.
c. 74.

No. 26.

24 George III. sess. 2. c. 56. — An Act for the effectual Transportation of Felons and other Offenders; and to authorise the Removal of Prisoners in certain Cases; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

* Repealed 56 Geo. III. c. 27, post; but note, that Act is only temporary.

No. 27.

25 George III. c. 46.—An Act for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and other Offenders, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and to authorise the Removal of Prisoners in certain Cases.

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IV. **A**ND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for his Majesty, from Time to Time, by an Order in Writing, to be notified by one of his Principal Secretaries of State, or for any two or more of the Lords of Justice in Scotland, who shall be authorised by his Majesty, under his Sign Manual, to direct the Removal of any Male Offender or Offenders who now is or are, or hereafter shall be under Sentence of Death, but reprieved during his Majesty's Pleasure, or under Sentence or Order of Transportation, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and who, having been examined by an experienced Surgeon or Apothecary, shall

No. 27.
25 George III.
c. 46.

His Majesty empowered to order, or to authorise two Lords of Justice to order, the Removal of Male Prisoners under Sentence of Death, &c. from any Gaol in Scotland to any other in

No. 27. appear to be free from any putrid or infectious Distemper, and
 25 George III. c. 46. fit to be removed from the Gaol or Prison in which such
 Great Britain, &c. Offender or Offenders shall be confined, to such Place of
 Confinement within *Great Britain*, either at Land, or on
 board any Ship or Vessel in the River *Thames*, or any naviga-
 ble or other River, or within the Limits of any Port of *Great
 Britain*, as his Majesty, or others legally authorised as afore-
 said, shall from Time to Time appoint; and every Offender,
 who shall be so removed, shall continue in the said Place of
 Confinement, or be removed to or confined in any other such
 Place or Places as aforesaid, as his Majesty, or any others duly
 authorised as aforesaid, from Time to Time shall appoint,
 until such Offender shall be transported according to Law, or
 by the Expiration of the Term of such Transportation, or
 otherwise, shall be intitled to his Liberty, or until such Offender
 be returned to the Gaol or Prison from which he shall
 have been so removed; and the Sheriff, Magistrate, or Gaoler,
 having the Custody of any Offender, whose Removal shall be
 ordered in Manner aforesaid, shall, with all convenient Speed,
 after the Receipt of the Notification of any such Order, con-
 vey, or cause to be conveyed, every such Offender to the
 Place appointed, and there deliver him, together with a
 Certificate, containing his Christian Name, Surname, and
 Age, and also the Offence for which, and the Court in which
 he was convicted, and the Purport of his or her Sentence, to
 the Overseer or Overseers of the said Place to which such
 Offender is so sent, who shall give a proper Receipt, in
 Writing, to the Sheriff, Magistrate, or Gaoler, for his Exoner-
 ation. (1.)

Gaoler to de-
 liver Offenders
 according to
 such Orders,
 with a proper
 Certificate.

(1.) This Section is extended by Stat. 56 Geo. III. c. 27. post.

No. 28.

30 George III. c. 47.—An Act for enabling his Majesty
 to authorize his Governor or Lieutenant Governor of
 such Places beyond the Seas, to which Felons or
 other Offenders may be transported, to remit the
 Sentences of such Offenders.

No.
 30 George III. c. 47.
 Preamble.
 24 Geo. 3. c. 56.

WHEREAS by several Orders made by his Majesty, by
 and with the Advice of his Privy Council in pursu-
 ance of Authority given to his Majesty in that Behalf, by an
 Act passed in the twenty-fourth Year of his Majesty's Reign,
 intituled, "An Act for the effectual Transportation of Fe-
 lons and other Offenders; and to authorize the Removal of
 Prisoners in certain Cases, and for other Purposes therein
 mentioned;" his Majesty hath declared and appointed, by
 and with the Advice aforesaid, That the Eastern Coast of
New South Wales, and the Islands thereunto adjacent, should
 be the Place or Places beyond Sea to which certain Felons
 and other Offenders, should be conveyed and transported:

‘ And whereas several Felons and other Offenders have, in pursuance of the said Act, been conveyed and transported to the Eastern Coast of *New South Wales*, or the Islands thereunto adjacent, there to remain during the Terms or Times for which they were so respectively sentenced to be transported by the Courts in which they were convicted: And whereas his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, may hereafter declare and appoint the Place or Places aforesaid, or some other Place or Places beyond Sea, to be the Place or Places to which other Felons and Offenders shall hereafter be conveyed and transported; and such Felons and Offenders may be so transported accordingly: And whereas it would greatly advance the Design of such Sentences, so carried into Execution as aforesaid, or which may hereafter be passed and carried into Execution, that the Governor, or (in case of his Death or Absence) the Lieutenant Governor for the Time being of such the Place or Places as aforesaid, should have Power and Authority to remit or shorten the Time or Term for which such Felons and Offenders as aforesaid have been or shall hereafter be transported, in Cases where it shall appear that such Felons, or other Offenders are proper objects of the Royal Mercy:’

He it therefore enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, at all Times, by his or their Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to authorise and empower the Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor for the Time being, of such Place or Places as aforesaid, or of any of them, by an Instrument in Writing, under the Seal of the Government in which the Place or Places as aforesaid are or shall be situated, to remit, either absolutely or conditionally, the Whole or any Part of the Time or Term for which any such Felons, or other Offenders aforesaid, shall have been or shall hereafter be respectively conveyed and transported to such Place or Places as aforesaid; and that such Instrument or Instruments shall have the like Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, as if his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, had in such Cases respectively signified his or their Royal Intention of Mercy under his or their Sign Manual.

No. 28.
George III.
c. 47.

His Majesty, under the Great Seal, may authorise the Governor, or Lieutenant Governor, of New South Wales, &c. to remit the Sentences of Offenders.

II. And be it further enacted, That such Governor or Lieutenant Governor as aforesaid shall, by the first Opportunity, transmit to one of his Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, a Duplicate, under the Seal of the Government, of each and every Instrument as aforesaid by which the Time or Term of Transportation of any such Felons, or other Offenders as aforesaid, hath been remitted or shortened; and that the Names of such Felons, and other Offenders respectively, which shall be contained in such Duplicates as aforesaid, shall be inserted in the next General Pardon which shall pass under the Great

Duplicates of Instruments remitting Sentences, to be transmitted to the Secretary of State, &c.

- No. 28. Seal of Great Britain, after the Receipt of such Duplicate or
 30 George III. Duplicates by one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
 c. 47. State.

No. 29.

- 31 George III. c. 46.—An Act for the better regulating
 of Gaols, and other Places of Confinement.

[See Part VI. Cl. XXI. No. 26.]

No. 30.

- 34 George III. c. 84. An Act for erecting a Peniten-
 tiary House or Houses for confining and employing
 Convicts.—[7th. July 1794.]

No. 31.

- 39 George III. c. 45.—An Act for making perpetual so
 much of an Act made in the nineteenth Year of the
 Reign of his present Majesty, chapter seventy-four,
videlicet, on the twenty-sixth Day of November one
 thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, intituled,
 “An Act to explain and amend the Laws relating to
 the Transportation, Imprisonment, and other Punish-
 ment of certain Offenders,” as relates to the Punish-
 ment of burning in the Hand of certain Persons
 convicted of Felony within the Benefit of Clergy.—
 [20th. May 1799.]

No. 32.

- 43 George III. c. 15.—An Act to facilitate, and render
 more easy, the Transportation of Offenders.—[29th.
 December 1802.]

No. 33.

52 George III. c. 44.—An Act for the Erection of a Penitentiary House for the Confinement of Offenders convicted within the City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*; and for making Compensation to *Jeremy Bentham* Esquire, for the Non-performance of an Agreement between the said *Jeremy Bentham* and the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, respecting the Custody and Maintenance of Convicts.—[20th. April 1812.]*

* This Act provided for the Erection of a Penitentiary House at Millbank, for the Purpose of confining Offenders only convicted in London and Middlesex.—The Penitentiary House being completed, it is, by Stat. 56 Geo. III. c. 63. post, made applicable to the Kingdom at large.

No. 34.

53 George III. c. 162.—An Act to repeal a certain Provision respecting Persons convicted of Felony without Benefit of Clergy, contained in an Act made in the fifty-second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, for the Erection of a Penitentiary House for the Confinement of Persons convicted within the City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*, and for making other Provisions in lieu thereof.—[22d. July 1813.]

• **W**HEREAS it is necessary that so much of a certain Act, made in the fifty-second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, "An Act for the Erection of a Penitentiary House for the Confinement of Offenders convicted within the City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*; and for making Compensation to *Jeremy Bentham* Esquire, for the Non-performance of an Agreement between the said *Jeremy Bentham* and the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, respecting the Custody and Maintenance of Convicts," as enacts, That in all cases where any Court or Courts shall think fit to sentence any Person or Persons, convicted before such Court or Courts of Felony without Benefit of Clergy, to Imprisonment as or for the Punishment, or Part of the Punishment for such Offence, such Court or Courts may, if they shall think fit so to do, moreover direct that the Person or Persons so convicted shall during such Imprisonment be kept to Hard Labour, should be repealed, and that other Provisions in lieu thereof should be made in respect to the Sentences of Persons convicted before such Court or Courts of Felony with Benefit of Clergy; May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent

No. 34.

53 George III.

c. 162.

54 G. 3. c. 44.

§ 47.

No. 34. Majesty, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the
 52 George III. Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present
 c. 162. Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That
 repealed. so much of the said Act as enacts, 'That in all cases where
 any Court or Courts shall think fit to sentence any Person or
 Persons, convicted before such Court or Courts, of Felony
 without Benefit of Clergy, to Imprisonment as or for the
 Punishment, or Part of the Punishment for such Offence, such
 Court or Courts may, if they shall think fit so to do, moreover
 direct that the Person or Persons so convicted shall during
 such Imprisonment be kept to Hard Labour,' shall be and the
 same is hereby repealed; and that, from and after the passing
 of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Court to pass
 Felony, Grand upon any Person, who shall be lawfully convicted before any
 and Petit Lar- larceny. such Court of Felony, with Benefit of Clergy, or of any Grand
 Larceny or of any Petit Larceny, the Sentence of Imprison-
 ment to Hard Labour, either simply and alone, or in addition
 to any other Sentence which such Court may or shall be au-
 thorised by Law to pass upon any Person lawfully convicted
 of any of the Offences aforesaid, as to such Court shall seem
 fit; and such Person shall thereupon suffer such other Sentence,
 Punishment. and be moreover imprisoned and kept to Hard Labour, or be
 simply imprisoned and kept to Hard Labour, in such Place
 and for such Time as such Court shall think fit to direct, not
 exceeding the Time for which such Courts may now imprison
 for such Offences.

No. 35.

p. 56 George III. c. 27.—An Act to amend several Laws
 relative to the Transportation of Offenders; to con-
 tinue in Force until the first day of *May* one thou-
 sand eight hundred and twenty-one.—[30th. April
 1816.]

No. 35. **W**HEREAS an Act passed in the last Session of Parlia-
 56 George III. ment, intituled "An Act to amend the Laws relative
 c. 27. to the Transportation of Offenders, to continue in Force
 55 G. 3. c. 156. until the first Day of *May* one thousand eight hundred and
 sixteen;" And whereas it is expedient that the Regulations
 and Provisions of the said Act, and that certain of the
 Provisions of two several Acts, passed in the nineteenth and
 19 G. 3. c. 74. twenty-fifth Years respectively of the Reign of his present
 25 G. 3. c. 46. Majesty, relating to the Transportation and Removal of
 Offenders, should be continued: Be it therefore enacted by
 the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice
 and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-
 mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
 Authority of the same, That the said recited Act of the last
 Session of Parliament shall be and the same is hereby conti-
 nued, so far as relates to the Repeal of the said therein recited

55 G. 3. c. 156.
 &c. so far as
 relates to Repeal
 of 24 G. 3.
 c. 56. continu-
 ed.

Act of the twenty-fourth Year of his present Majesty, intituled No. 35.
 “An Act for the effectual Transportation of Felons and other 56 George III.
 Offenders, and to authorize the Removal of Prisoners in cer- c 27.
 tain cases, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.”

[II Provisions of 24 G. 3. c. 56. valid in relation to Proceedings commenced before Act of last Session.]

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Court before which any Person or Persons shall have been or shall be convicted, at any Session of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery, or at any Quarter or other General Session of the Peace to be holden for any County, Riding, Division, City, Town, Borough, Liberty or Place, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, or at any Great Sessions to be holden for the County Palatine of *Chester*, or within the Principality of *Wales*, of Grand or Petit Larceny, or any other Offence for which such Person or Persons shall have been or be subject to be transported, to order and adjudge, or any subsequent Court holden at any Place for the same County, Riding, Division, City, Town, Borough, Liberty or Place respectively, with like Authority to order and adjudge, that such Person or Persons so convicted as aforesaid, shall be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding the Number of Years or Term for which such Person or Persons is or are or shall be liable by any Law to be transported; and in every such case it shall and may be lawful for his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, to declare and appoint any other Place or Places, Part or Parts beyond the Seas, in addition to such as shall have been heretofore declared and appointed by his Majesty for that Purpose, either within his Majesty's Dominions, or elsewhere out of his Majesty's Dominions, to which any such Felons or other Offenders shall be conveyed or transported; and such Court as aforesaid is hereby authorized and required to order such Offenders to be transferred to the Use of any Person or Persons, and his or their Assigns, who shall contract for the due Performance of such Transportation; and when his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, shall be pleased to extend Mercy to any Offender or Offenders, who hath or have been or shall be convicted of any Crime or Crimes for which he, she or they is, are or shall be by Law excluded from the Benefit of Clergy, upon Condition of Transportation to any Place or Places, Part or Parts beyond the Seas, either for a Term of Life, or any Number of Years, and such Intention of Mercy shall be signified by one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, it shall be lawful for any Court, having proper Authority, to allow such Offender or Offenders the Benefit of a conditional Pardon, and to order such Offender or Offenders to be transported for such Term of Life or Years as shall be specified in such Condition of Transportation as aforesaid, and to make such Order of Transfer as aforesaid; and when any Offender or Offender hath or have been or shall be convicted of any Crime or Crimes for which he, she or

Persons convicted of any Crime punishable by Transportation, may be transported accordingly.

His Majesty may appoint Places.

On intention of Mercy signified,

No. 35. they is or are by Law excluded the Benefit of Clergy, the
 56 George III. Judge before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be con-
 c. 27. victed, or any Justice of the King's Bench, Common Pleas,
 or Baron of the Exchequer, of the Degree of the Coif, in
 case the said Offender or Offenders shall have been tried in any
 Court of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery in *England*, or
 any Justice of *Chester* or *Wales*, in case the said Offender or
 Offenders shall be tried and convicted within any of their
 respective Jurisdictions, shall, on such Intention of Mercy as
 aforesaid being signified to him by one of the said Principal
 Secretaries of State, make an Order for the immediate Transporta-
 tion of such Offender or Offenders, and for such Offender or
 Offenders to be transferred as aforesaid, in the same Manner
 as if such Intention of Mercy had been signified by one of the
 said Principal Secretaries of State during the Continuance of
 the Assizes or Sessions at which such Offender or Offenders
 was or were condemned; and such Order shall be considered
 as an Order made at such Assizes or Sessions as aforesaid, and
 shall be as effectual, and have all the same Consequences as
 any Order for the Transportation of any Offender or Offenders
 made by any Justice of Oyer and Terminer, Great Session,
 or Gaol Delivery for any County, City, Liberty, Borough or
 Place, during the Continuance of the Assizes or Sessions; and
 such Person or Persons so contracting as aforesaid, his or their
 Assigns, by Virtue of such Order of Transfer as aforesaid, shall
 have a Property in the Service of such Offender or Offenders,
 for such Term of Life or Years for which such Offender or Of-
 fenders shall have been ordered to be transported.

Contractor to
 have Property
 in Service of
 Offender.

[IV. Fee to Clerks of Assize, &c. same as heretofore.]

[V. Persons undertaking to transport Offenders, to give proper Security.]

[VI. Court may appoint Justices to contract for Transportation of Offenders, on Security by Bond. Securities to be certified by Justices to the next Court, and kept amongst the Records. Charges of Contract paid by Order of Quarter Sessions.]

Persons con-
 tracting to
 transport Of-
 fenders, may carry
 them through
 any County to
 Seaport.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Person or Per-
 sons so contracting as aforesaid, and to whom any Offender or
 Offenders shall be delivered in order to be transported, or any
 Person or Persons directed by the said Justices (empowered to
 contract as aforesaid) or their Assigns, may, in such Manner
 as they shall think fit, carry and secure the said Offenders in
 and through any County of *Great Britain*, towards the Seaport
 or Place from whence they are to be transported; and if any
 Person or Persons shall rescue such Offenders or any of them,
 or assist them or any of them in making their Escape from
 such Person or Persons as shall have them in their Custody as
 aforesaid, he, she or they shall be adjudged guilty of Felony,
 and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit
 of Clergy.

Escape.

Death:

Person found at
 large before the
 Expiration of
 his Sentence.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Offender or
 Offenders who shall have been or shall be so ordered by any
 such Court as aforesaid to be transported, or who shall have

agreed or shall agree to transport himself or herself on certain Conditions, either for Life or any Number of Years, under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the twenty-fourth Year aforesaid, or of the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, to any such Place or Places, Part or Parts as shall have been or shall be appointed by his Majesty in Manner aforesaid, shall be afterwards at large within any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, without some lawful Cause, before the Expiration of the Term for which such Offender or Offenders shall have been ordered to be transported, or shall have so agreed to transport himself or herself as aforesaid, every such Offender being at large as aforesaid, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; and such Offender or Offenders may be tried either before the Justices of Assize, Oyer and Terminer, Great Sessions or Gaol Delivery, for the County, City, Liberty, Borough or Place where such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and taken, or from whence he, she or they were ordered to be transported; and the Clerk of the Assize, Clerk of the Peace, or other Officer or Clerk of the Court having the Custody of the Records where such Order of Transportation shall be made, shall, at the Request of the Prosecutor, or any other Person on his Majesty's Behalf, make out and give a Certificate in Writing signed by him, containing the Effect and Substance only (omitting the formal Part) of every Indictment and Conviction of such Offender or Offenders, and of the Order for his or her Transportation, to the Justices of Assize, Oyer and Terminer, Great Sessions or Gaol Delivery, where such Offender or Offenders shall be indicted (not taking for the same more than six Shillings and Eight-pence) which Certificate shall be sufficient Proof of the Conviction and Order for the Transportation of such Offender or Offenders; and whoever shall discover and prosecute to Conviction any such Offender or Offenders so being at large as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a Reward of Twenty Pounds for every such Offender so convicted, and shall have such Certificate to receive the same as any Person or Persons may be entitled unto for the apprehending and prosecuting to Conviction Persons who have committed any Robbery upon the Highway: Provided nevertheless, that his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, may pardon and dispense with such Transportation, and allow of the Return of any such Offender or Offenders to this Kingdom.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for his Majesty, from Time to Time, by an Order in Writing to be notified by one of the said Principal Secretaries of State, or for any three or more of such of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County, Riding, Division, City, Borough, Liberty or Place in which any Gaol shall be situated, as shall be authorized by his Majesty under his Sign Manual, to direct the Re-

No. 35.
George III.
c. 27.

Death.
Offender where
tried.

Certificate con-
taining Sub-
stance of In-
dictment.

Fees.

Reward on
Conviction.

Proviso for
Pardon.

His Majesty
empowered to
order the Re-
moval of Male
Prisoners.

No. 35. lawfully convicted, shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony,
 56 George III. without Benefit of Clergy, and shall be tried before such
 c. 27. Judges, and in such Manner, and the same Evidence made
 Death. use of for his or her Conviction, as is or shall be directed by
 the Laws now in being or hereafter to be made for the Trial of
 other Offenders, who shall be at large within this Kingdom be-
 fore the Expiration of the Term for which they were ordered
 to be transported; and whoever shall discover and prosecute
 to Conviction any such Offender so being at large within this
 Kingdom as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a Reward of twenty
 Pounds for every such Offender so convicted, and shall have
 such Certificate to receive the same, as any Person may be
 entitled to for the apprehending and prosecuting to Conviction
 Persons who have committed any Robbery upon the High-
 way.

Reward on
Conviction.

[XVII. Account of Expences laid before Parliament]

[XVIII. General Issue.—Treble Costs.]

[XIX. Limitation of Actions, six Calendar Months.]

19 G. 3. c. 74.
 § 1. 2.

25 G. 3. c. 46.
 § 4.

XX. And be it further enacted, That so much of an Act
 passed in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of his present Ma-
 jesty, intituled " An Act to explain and amend the Laws re-
 lating to Transportation, Imprisonment and other Punishment
 of certain Offenders," as relates to Transportation beyond
 Seas, and so much of an Act passed in the twenty-fifth Year
 of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled " An Act for
 the more effectual Transportation of Felons and other Offen-
 ders in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and to au-
 thorize the Removal of Prisoners in certain Cases," as autho-
 rizes the Removal of Offenders to temporary Places of Con-
 finement, which were continued by subsequent Acts of the
 twenty-eighth, thirty-fourth, thirty-ninth, forty-second, forty-
 sixth, fifty-third and fifty-fourth Years respectively of the Reign
 of his present Majesty, until the twenty-fifth Day of March
 one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and until the End of
 the then next Session of Parliament, shall be and the same is
 hereby continued for the Term hereinafter mentioned.

Continuance of
Act.

XXI. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall con-
 tinue and be in Force until the first Day of May one thousand
 eight hundred and twenty-one, and no longer.

No. 36.

56 George III. c. 63.—An Act to regulate the General
 Penitentiary for Convicts, at *Millbank*, in the
 County of *Middlesex*.—[22d. June 1816.]

No. 36.
 56 George III.
 c. 63.
 54 G. 3. c. 44.

WHEREAS under and by virtue of an Act passed in the
 fifty-second Year of his present Majesty, for the Erec-
 tion of a Penitentiary House for the Confinement of Offen-
 ders convicted within the City of London and County of
Middlesex, and which Act, by the Provisions thereof, was

extended also to Offenders convicted in other Parts of *England* and *Wales*, a Penitentiary has been erected at *Millbank*, in the County of *Middlesex*, for the Confinement and Employment of Male and Female Convicts; and the same is now completed for the Reception of a Part of the Number intended to be confined therein: And whereas under and by virtue of the Powers contained in the said Act, his Majesty in Council has been pleased to appoint a Committee to superintend the said Penitentiary: And whereas the Number of Convicts who may be confined in the said Penitentiary may conveniently be increased, without any Enlargement of the Building; and it is therefore expedient that Provision should be made for that Purpose: And whereas it is also expedient that other and further Provisions should be made, for the due Regulation of the said Penitentiary, and of the Convicts to be confined therein; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all the Provisions in the said Act contained, so far as they relate to the Number of Convicts who may be confined in the said Penitentiary, and to the Confinement, Employment and Management of the Convicts in the said Penitentiary, and the Establishment and Duties of Officers belonging to the same, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

No. 36.
George III.
c. 63.

[II. Supervisors may make Accommodation for 400 Male and 400 Female Convicts, who may be confined in the said Penitentiary at the same Time.]

[III. Committee to remain until another is appointed.]

[IV. Committee to make Bye Laws, Rules, &c.]

[V. Appointment of Visitors.]

[VI. Appointment of Officers, &c.]

[VII. Committee may vary the Number of Officers.]

[VIII. Committee may require Security from any Officer, &c. and in case of any Officer, &c. refusing to quit Possession, a Justice for the County of *Middlesex* may by Warrant direct Sheriff to remove him.]

[IX. Governor to be a Body Corporate.]

[X. Governor empowered to contract for Clothing, Diet, &c. necessary for the Convicts, with the Approbation of the Committee.]

[XI. Committee to direct how Books shall be kept, &c.]

[XII. Committee may examine Officers and Servants, &c. upon Oath, and may dismiss and prosecute for Fraud or Collusion.]

[XIII. Committee to certify to the Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, when Penitentiary shall be fit for the Reception of Convicts.]

XIV. Provided always and be it further enacted, That in case any Convict shall be removed to the said Penitentiary, who, having been under Sentence or Order of Transportation for the Term of seven Years, shall previously to his or her being removed to the said Penitentiary, have been kept confined in some other Gaol or Prison, during a Part of such

Regulations as to the Time of Confinement of Convicts sentenced to Transportation, and removed to the Penitentiary.

No. 36. Term, such Convict shall be confined in the said Penitentiary under this Act, for five seventh Parts of the Residue of his or her Term of seven Years Transportation, remaining unexpired, when he or she shall be received into the said Penitentiary; excluding nevertheless from the Computation of such reduced Period of Confinement, any fractional Part of a Week which may result from such Reduction; and in Case any Convict shall be removed to the said Penitentiary, who, having been under Sentence or Order of Transportation for the Term of fourteen Years, shall, previously to his or her being so removed, have been kept confined in some other Gaol or Prison, during a Part of such Term, such Convict shall be confined in the said Penitentiary under this Act for one Half of the Residue of his or her Term of fourteen Years Transportation remaining unexpired, when he or she shall be received into the said Penitentiary; excluding nevertheless from the Computation of such reduced Period of Confinement any fractional Part of a Day which may result from such Reduction; and in the case of any Convict who, having been under Sentence or Order of Transportation for Life, shall be removed to the said Penitentiary for the Term of Ten Years as aforesaid, such Term of ten Years shall be computed from the Time of his or her being received into the said Penitentiary.

[XV. Sheriffs or Gaolers to deliver Convicts to the Penitentiary without Delay.]

[XVI. Expences of such Removal to be paid by the County, &c.]

[XVII. Governor to have the same Power over Convicts in his Custody as a Sheriff or Gaoler.]

[XVIII. Insane Convicts may be removed from and returned to Penitentiary after Recovery, as in Cases of other Prisoners in Gaols.]

[XIX. Convicts, when brought, to be separately lodged and washed, and examined by the Surgeon.—When discharged to be furnished with decent Clothing—Allowances.]

[XX. Keeping Convicts to Labour.]

[XXI. Convicts how to be lodged.]

[XXII. Hours of Work.]

[XXIII. Granting Rewards.]

[XXIV. Dividing Convicts into Classes.]

[XXV. Committee to report Convicts, who shall manifest extraordinary Diligence.]

[XXVI. How the Convicts shall be fed and clothed.]

[XXVII. None but Officers to enter any of the Apartments.]

[XXVIII. Governor may employ Convicts as Servants.]

[XXIX. Punishing Officers or Servants supplying any Convict with Money, Provision, or Liquor, contrary to this Act.]

[XXX. Chaplain to read Morning and Evening Prayers, and preach two Sermons on Sundays, &c.]

[XXXI. Chaplain may baptize and bury in the Penitentiary, and shall keep Registers and transmit Copy monthly to the Incumbent of the Parish, who is to enter the same in Register, and may have Allowance for so doing.]

[XXXII. Convicts to walk and air themselves.]

[XXXIII. Convicts, when sick, to be visited by the Surgeon; and if necessary, be sent to the Infirmary.] No. 36.
56 George III. c. 63.

[XXXIV. Committee to examine into the State of the Penitentiary, and inspect the Accounts.]

[XXXV. Governor empowered to hear Complaints.]

[XXXVI. Enormous Offenders to be confined by the Governor, and reported to the Committee.]

[XXXVII. Committee may administer Oaths.]

[XXXVIII. Governor to keep regular Books, and Returns to be made therefrom.]

[XXXIX. Reports to be laid before the King in Council, and both Houses of Parliament.]

[XL. Bye Laws, Rules, &c. to be reported to the King in Council, and to both Houses of Parliament.]

[XLI. Penitentiary to be exempt from Public and Parochial Taxes.]

XLII. And be it further enacted, That an Account of the Expenses of carrying this Act into Execution shall be annually laid before the House of Commons, and after deducting therefrom such Profit as may have arisen from the Earnings of the Convicts, over and above the Expenses occasioned by their Labour, and any Allowances which shall have been made to such Convicts, or to the Officers superintending such Labour, by Order of the Committee, the Remainder shall be provided for in the next Supplies to be granted to his Majesty by Parliament.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Convict who shall be ordered to be confined in the said Penitentiary shall at any Time during the Term of such Confinement break Prison, or escape from the Place of his or her Confinement, or in his or her Conveyance to such Place of Confinement, or from the Person or Persons having the lawful Custody of such Convict, he or she so breaking Prison or escaping shall be punished by an Addition of three Years to the Term for which he or she at the Time of his or her Breach of Prison or Escape was subject to be confined; and if such Convict so punished by such Addition to the Term of Confinement shall afterwards be convicted of a second Escape or Breach of Prison, he or she shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall rescue any Convict who shall be ordered to be confined within the said Penitentiary, either during the Time of his or her Conveyance to the said Penitentiary, or whilst such Convict shall be in the Custody of the Person or Persons under whose Care and Charge he or she shall be so confined; or if any Person shall be aiding or assisting in any such Rescue, every such Person so rescuing, aiding, or assisting, shall be guilty of Felony, and may be ordered to be confined in the said Penitentiary for any Term not less than one Year, nor exceeding five Years; and if any Person having the Custody of any such Convict as aforesaid, or being employed by the Person having such Custody as a Keeper, Underkeeper, Turnkey, Assistant,

No. 36. or Guard, shall voluntarily permit such Convict to escape; or if any Person whatsoever shall, by supplying Arms, Tools, or Instruments of Disguise, or otherwise be in any Manner aiding and assisting to any such Convict in any Escape, or in any Attempt to make an Escape, though no Escape be actually made, or shall attempt to rescue any such Convict, or be aiding and assisting in any such Attempt, though no Rescue be actually made, every such Person so permitting, attempting, aiding, or assisting, shall be guilty of Felony; and if any Person having such Custody, or being so employed by the Person having such Custody as aforesaid, shall negligently permit any such Convict to escape, such Person so permitting shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and being lawfully convicted of the same, shall be liable to Fine and Imprisonment, or to both, at the Discretion of the Court.

Mode of Trial
and Conviction.

XLV. And to the Intent that the Prosecution for Escapes, Breaches of Prison, and Rescues, may be carried on with as little Trouble and Expence as possible, be it further enacted, That any Convict escaping, breaking Prison, or being rescued in Manner aforesaid, may and shall be tried before the Justices of Oyer and Terminer or Goal Delivery, or at the Great Sessions, either for the County where he or she shall be apprehended and retaken, or for the County in which the said Offence shall have been committed; and in Case of any Prosecution for any such Escape, Attempt to escape, Breach of Prison, or Rescue, either against the Convict escaping or attempting to escape, or having broken Prison, or being rescued, or against any other Person or Persons concerned therein, or aiding, abetting, or assisting the same, a Copy properly attested, of the Order of Commitment to such Penitentiary shall, after Proof made that the Person then in Question before the Court is the same that was delivered with such Order, be sufficient Evidence to the Court and Jury that the Person then in Question was so ordered to such Confinement.

[XLVI. The Committee or Visitors may direct any Person not being Officers, Servants, or Convicts, to quit the Penitentiary.]

[XLVII. Other Acts relating to Gaols, &c. not to apply to the Penitentiary.]

[XLVIII. Recovery of Penalties.]

[XLIX. General Issue to be pleaded.—Treble Costs.]

[L. Limitation of Actions.]

[LI. Act may be altered this Session.]

(H)

JUDGMENTS IN CASES NOT INCLUDED IN
THE LAST DIVISION.

No. 1.

9 Henry III. (Magna Charta) c. 14.—How men of all
Sorts shall be amerced, and by whom.

No. 2.

51 Henry III. stat. 6.—A Statute of the Pillory and Tum-
brel, and of the Assize of Bread and Ale.

No. 3.

36 Edward III. stat. 1. c. 14.—The Fines and Amercia-
ments of Labourers, Artificers, and Servants, shall be
to the Use of the Commons and distributed among
them, during three Years.

No. 4.

30 George III. c. 48.—An Act for discontinuing the
Judgment which has been required by Law to be
given against Women convicted of certain Crimes,
and substituting another Judgment in lieu thereof.

[See Class II. No. 50.]

No. 5.

56 George III. c. 138.—An Act to abolish the Punish-
ment of the Pillory, except in certain Cases.— [2d.
July, 1816.]

‘**W**HEREAS the Punishment of the Pillory has in many
Cases been found inexpedient and not fully to answer
‘the Purpose for which it was intended; Be it therefore
enacted by the King’s most excellent Majesty, by and with
the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by

No. 5.
56 George III,
c. 138.

No. 5. the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of
 56 George III. this Act Judgment shall not be given and awarded against any
 c. 138. Person or Persons convicted of any Offence, that such Person
 Judgment of or Persons do stand in or upon the Pillory, except for the
 Pillory to be Offences hereinafter mentioned; any Law, Statute or Usage
 awarded for to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided that all Laws now
 certain Offences in force whereby any Person is subject to Punishment for the
 only. taking any false Oath, or for committing any Manner of wilful
 and corrupt Perjury, or for the procuring or suborning any
 other Person so to do, or for wilfully, falsely and corruptly
 affirming or declaring, or procuring or suborning any other
 Person so to affirm and declare, in any Matter or Thing, which
 if the same had been deposed in the usual Form would have
 amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, shall continue and be
 in full Force and Effect; and that all Persons guilty of any of
 the said several Offences shall incur and suffer the same Pun-
 ishment, Penalties and Forfeitures as such Persons were sub-
 ject to by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or any of them,
 before the passing of this Act, and as if this Act had not been
 made.

Court may fine
 or imprison
 Offenders:

Not to change
 any Punish-
 ment for Offen-
 ces, except the
 Pillory.

II. And be it further enacted, that in all Cases where the
 Punishment of the Pillory has hitherto formed the Whole or a
 Part of the Judgment to be pronounced, it shall and may be
 lawful for the Court before whom such Offence is tried, to pass
 such Sentence of Fine or Imprisonment, or of both, in lieu of
 the Sentence of Pillory, as to the said Court shall seem most
 proper: Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend
 or be construed to extend in any Manner to change, alter or
 affect any Punishment whatsoever which may now be by Law
 inflicted in respect of any Offence, except only the Punishment
 of Pillory, in Manner as herein above is enacted.

No. 6.

57 George III. c. 75.—An Act to abolish the Punish-
 ment of Public Whipping on Female Offenders.—
 [7th. July 1817.]

No. 6.
 57 George III.
 c. 75.

Judgment of
 Whipping shall
 not be awarded
 on Females;

but Imprison-
 ment.

WHEREAS the Punishment of Public Whipping of
 Female Offenders has been found inexpedient; be
 it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by
 and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and
 Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assem-
 bled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after
 the passing of this Act Judgment shall not be given and
 awarded against any Female or Females convicted of any
 Offence that such Female Offender or Offenders do suffer the
 Punishment of being publicly whipped; any Law, Statute,
 or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where
 the Punishment of Public Whipping on Female Offenders has
 hitherto formed the Whole or Part of the Judgment to be
 pronounced, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before

whom any such Offender shall be tried, to pass such Sentence of Confinement to Hard Labour in the Common Gaol or House of Correction, in lieu of the Sentence of being publicly whipped, as to the said Court shall seem most proper: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any Manner to change, alter, or affect any Punishment whatsoever, which may now be by Law inflicted in respect of any Offence, except only the Punishment of Public Whipping on Female Offenders, in Manner as herein above is enacted.

No. 6.
George III.
c. 75.

(I)

FORFEITURE, CORRUPTION OF BLOOD, &c.*

* See St. 1 Ed. VI. c. 12. (ante, Class II. No. 18.) § 17.; 5 and 6 Ed. VI. c. 11. (same Class, No. 20.) § 9, 13.

No. 1.

9 Henry III. (Magna Charta) c. 22.—How long Felons' Lands shall be holden by the King.

Ex Rot. in Turr. Lond.

NOS non tenebimus terras illorum qui convicti fuerint de feloniam nisi per unum annum & unum diem & tunc reddantur terre ille dominis feodorum.

WE will not hold the Lands of them that be convict of Felony but one Year and one Day, and then those Lands shall be delivered to the Lords of the Fee.

No. 1.
Henry III.
c. 42.

No. 2.

17 Edward II. c. 16.—The King's Prerogative in having the Lands of Felons attainted.

[Inserted Pt. II. Cl. XII. No. 4.]

No. 3.

31 Edward III. stat 1. c. 6.—The Lords of Franchises shall have the Fines of Labourers and Servants, &c. forfeited.

No. 4.

34 Edward III. c. 12.—There shall be no Forfeiture of Lands for Treason of dead Persons not attainted.

No. 5.

22 and 23 Charles II. c. 22.—An Act for the better and more certain Recovery of Fines and Forfeitures due to his Majesty.

[Inserted Pt. IV. Cl. XXIII. No. 16.]

No. 6.

4 and 5 William and Mary, c. 22.—An Act for regulating Proceedings in the Crown Office in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster.

[See *supra*, C. No. 14.]

No. 7.

54 George III. c. 145.—An Act to take away Corruption of Blood save in certain Cases.—[27th. July 1814.]

No. 7.
54 George III.
c. 145.

Attainder except for High Treason, &c. not to extend to disinherit any Heir, &c.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make such Provisions by Law as are hereinafter contained; Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Attainder for Felony which shall take place from and after the passing of this Act, shall extend to save and except in cases of the Crime of High Treason, or of the Crimes of Petit Treason or Murder, or of abetting, procuring or counselling the same, shall extend to the disinheriting of any Heir, nor to the Prejudice of the Right or Title of any Person or Persons other than the Right or Title of the Offender or Offenders during his, her or their natural Lives only; and that it shall be lawful to every Person or Persons, to whom the Right or Interest of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, after the Death of any such Offender or Offenders should or might have appertained if no such Attainder had been, to enter into the same.

(K)

PARDON.

No. 1.

2 Edward III. c. 2.—In what Cases only Pardon of Felony shall be granted. Who shall be Justices of Assize, &c.

No. 2.

10 Edward III. st. 1. c. 2.—Pardons shall not be granted contrary to the Statute of 2 *Edw.* 3. cap. 2.

No. 3.

14 Edward III. stat. 1. c. 13.—No Pardon for Felony, but where the King may do it saving his Oath.

No. 4.

27 Edward III. c. 2.—In a Pardon of Felony the Suggestions and Suggestor's Name shall be comprised.

No. 5.

Richard II. st. 2. c. 1.—In a Pardon of Murder, Treason, or Rape, the Offence committed shall be specified. The Forfeiture of him at whose Suit such a Pardon is obtained.

No. 6.

16 Richard II. c. 6.—A Repeal of the Part of the Statute of 13 *R.* 2. stat. 2. c. 1. touching his Forfeiture that obtaineth a Pardon.

No. 7.

5 Henry VIII. c. 8.—Every Person that will sue for the King's Pardon granted upon certain Articles, shall have it.

No. 8.

5 William and Mary, c. 13.—An Act to repeal the Statute made in the tenth Year of King *Edward* the Third, for finding Sureties for the good abearing, by him or her, that hath a Pardon of Felony.

WHEREAS by one Act made at the Parliament holden in the tenth Year of the Reign of *Edward* the Third, it was amongst other Things enacted, That in case the King should grant any Charters of Pardon, of Man-

No. 8.

William and Mary, c. 13.

10 Ed. 3. stat. 1. c. 3.

No. 8.
William and
Mary, c. 13.

slaughter, Robbery, Felonies, and other Trespasses against the Peace, that, within three Months after the making of the same, they that should have the said Charters should come and find (before the Sheriffs and Coroners of the Counties where the Felonies were done) six good and sufficient Mainpernors, for whom the said Sheriffs and Coroners would answer, that they from thenceforth should bear themselves well and lawfully; and that the Mainprizes should be sealed with their Seals, and returned into Chancery within three Weeks after the End of the said three Months; and that if they that should have such Charters would in Time to come aid themselves thereby, and should not find such Mainprizes, or after such Mainprize found, should bear themselves otherwise against the Peace than they ought, their Charters should be holden for none; which Statute hath been found very inconvenient, in relation to divers Persons who have been esteemed fit Objects of Mercy; and therefore the said Statute hath been seldom put in Practice, but for the most Part hath been dispensed withal in the Charters of Pardons that were granted in former Reigns: And forasmuch as by one Act, made in the first Year of their now Majesties Reign, intituled, "An Act for declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and settling the Succession of the Crown," it was enacted, That from and after that Session of Parliament, no Dispensation by *Non obstante* of or to any Statute, or any Part thereof, should be allowed, but that the same should be held void and of none Effect; whereby divers of their Majesties Subjects are rendered less capable of their Majesties Mercy than before, it being very difficult, if not impossible, to find six substantial Persons who will adventure to be bound for the good behaviour of any Person needing a Pardon during his Life.

1 W. & M.
sess. 2. c. 2.

10 Ed. 3. stat.
c. 3. repealed.

Persons pardoned may be required to give Security for good Behaviour for 7 Years.

II. Be it therefore enacted by the King's and Queen's most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act, made in the tenth Year of King Edward the Third, and every Article and Clause therein, shall be and are repealed and annulled, and are hereby declared to be repealed and annulled to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Charter of Pardon be pleaded by any Person for any Felony, the Justices, before whom such Pardon shall be pleaded, may, at their Discretion, remand or commit such Person to Prison, there to remain until he or she shall enter into a Recognizance, with two sufficient Sureties, for his or her being of the good Behaviour for any Time not exceeding seven Years. Provided, That if any such Charter of Pardon be pleaded by a Feme Covert, or Infant, such Feme Covert or Infant may find two sufficient Sureties, who shall enter into a Recognizance for him or her being of the good Behaviour as is aforesaid.

No. 9.

20 George II. c. 52.—An Act for the King's most Gracious, General and Free Pardon.*

* This is the last Act of General Pardon. Such Acts, in some of the earlier Reigns, particularly those of Elizabeth and James the First, are very frequent.—The Exceptions in 20th. Geo. II. are so numerous, that it is difficult to find what Cases it really embraced, except that of Exercising a Trade without having served an Apprenticeship.

(L)

MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS.

No. 1.

9 Edward II. c. 10.—They that abjure the Realm shall be in Peace, so long as they be in the Church or Highway.

No. 2.

9 Edward II. c. 15.—A Clerk fleeing into the Church for Felony, shall not be compelled to abjure.

No. 3.

9 Edward III. stat. 1. c. 5.—Which Justices shall send their Records and Process determined into the Exchequer.

No. 4.

21 Henry VIII. c. 2.—Abjured Persons shall be marked in the right Hand with the Sign of an A.

No. 5.

22 Henry VIII. c. 14.—How Persons committing Petit Treason, Murther, or Felony, shall abjure.

No. 6.

27 Henry VIII. c. 19.—An Act limiting an Order for Sanctuaries and Sanctuary Persons.

No. 7.

32 Henry VIII. c. 12.—An Act concerning Sanctuaries, Privileges of Churches and Church Yards.

No. 8.

25 George II. c. 36.—An Act for the better preventing Thefts and Robberies, and for regulating Places of Publick Entertainment, and punishing Persons keeping disorderly Houses.

[Inserted Class XXII. No. 10]

[XI. In Prosecutions for Felony, Court may make Orders for Payment of the Prosecutor's Expences; Clerk's Fee for such Order.—County Treasurer to pay the Order.]

No. 9.

27 George II. c. 3.—An Act for the better securing to Constables and others the Expences of conveying Offenders to Gaol; and for allowing the Charges of poor Persons bound to give Evidence against Felons.

[Inserted Pt. VI. Cl. IX. No. 2]

No. 10.

18 George III. c. 19.—An Act for the Payment of Costs to Parties on Complaints determined before Justices of the Peace out of Sessions; for the Payment of the Charges of Constables in certain Cases; and for the more effectual Payment of Charges to Witnesses and Prosecutors of any Larceny, or other Felony.*

[Inserted Pt. VI. Cl. IX. No. 2.]

See *Rex v. Johnson*, 4 M. and S. 515.

ADDENDA.

PART V.

CLASS I.—RELIGION AND ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY.

No. 95.

- 1 Richard II. stat. 2. c. 5.—^{*}Sheriffs commissioned to apprehend Preachers of Heresy, and their Abettors. The Enormities ensuing the Preaching of Heresies.

No. 96.

- 2 Henry IV. c. 15.—The Orthodoxy of the Faith of the Church of *England* asserted, and Provision made against the Oppugners of the same, with the Punishment of Hereticks.

No. 97.

- 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, c. 8.—An Act repealing all Articles and Provisions made against the See Apostolick of *Rome*, since the twentieth Year of King *Henry* the Eighth, and for the Establishment of all Spiritual and Ecclesiastical Possessions and Hereditaments conveyed to the Laity.

CLASS II.—TREASON, &c.

No. 67.

- 52 George III. c. 156.—An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons aiding Prisoners of War to escape from his Majesty's Dominions.—[29th. July 1812.]

‘ **W**HEREAS many Prisoners of War confined and on Parole in different Parts of his Majesty's Dominions have of late escaped by the Aid and Assistance of many of

No. 67.
52 George III.
c. 156.

No. 67. 'his Majesty's Subjects and others; and it is necessary to
52 George III. c. 156. 'repress such Practices and Violations of the Allegiance due
to his Majesty and of the Law by more effectual Punishment;'

Aiding Prison-
ers of War to
escape.

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That every Person who shall, from and after the passing of this Act, knowingly and wilfully aid or assist any Alien Enemy of his Majesty, being a Prisoner of War in his Majesty's Dominions, whether such Prisoner shall be confined as a Prisoner of War in any Prison or other Place of Confinement, or shall be suffered to be at large in his Majesty's Dominions or any Part thereof on his Parole, to escape from such Prison or other Place of Confinement, or from his Majesty's Dominions, if at large upon Parole, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be adjudged guilty of Felony, and be liable to be transported as a Felon, for Life, or for such Term of fourteen or seven Years, as the Court before whom such Person shall be convicted shall adjudge.

Transportation.

Aiding though
not assisting
Prisoners in
quitting Coast.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Person who shall knowingly and wilfully aid or assist any such Prisoner at large on Parole in quitting any Part of his Majesty's Dominions where he may be on his Parole, although he shall not aid or assist such Person in quitting the Coast of any Part of his Majesty's Dominions, shall be deemed guilty of aiding the Escape of such Person under the Provisions of this Act.

Assisting on
High Seas Pri-
soners to
escape.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons owing Allegiance to his Majesty, after any such Prisoner as aforesaid hath quitted the Coast of any Part of his Majesty's Dominions in such his Escape as aforesaid, shall knowingly and wilfully upon the High Seas aid or assist such Prisoner in his Escape to or towards any other Dominions or Place, such Person shall also be adjudged guilty of Felony, and be liable to be transported as aforesaid; and such Offences committed upon the High Seas and not within the Body of any County, shall and may be enquired of, tried, heard, determined and adjudged in any County within the Realm, in like manner as if such Offences had been committed within such County.

Transportation.

Offences where
tried.

Offences tried
otherwise than
under Provi-
sions of Act.

IV. And be it also enacted, That this Act shall not be deemed or taken to prevent any Person, committing any Offence mentioned in this Act, from being prosecuted, in such manner as he might by Law have been prosecuted if this Act had not passed; but nevertheless no Person prosecuted other-
wise than under the Provisions of this Act, shall be liable to be prosecuted for the same Offence under the Provisions hereof, and no Person prosecuted under the Provisions of this Act shall for the same Offence be liable to be otherwise prosecuted.

CLASS III. — COIN — TOKENS.

No. 82.

- 14 George III. c. 42.—An Act to prohibit the Importation of light Silver Coin, of this Realm, from Foreign Countries, into *Great Britain* or *Ireland*; and to restrain the Tender thereof beyond a certain Sum.

No. 83.

- 57 George III. c. 46.—An Act to prevent the issuing and circulating of Pieces of Copper or other Metal, usually called Tokens.—[27th. June 1817.]

‘**W**HEREAS various Pieces of Copper, and mixed Metals composed in Part of Copper, usually denominated Tokens, have lately been and are issued and circulated, by Persons residing in various Parts of the United Kingdom, in great Quantities, as Money, and for a nominal Value of the Metals of which they are composed: And whereas it is expedient that the further making and issuing of such Tokens should be prohibited, and that the Circulation of those already made or issued should also be prohibited after a limited Period:’ Be it enacted, &c. That from and after the passing of this Act no Piece of Copper, or mixed Metal composed in Part of Copper, of whatever Value the same may be, shall be made or manufactured or originally issued as a Token for Money, or as purporting that the Bearer or Holder thereof is intitled to demand any Value denoted thereon, either by Letters, Words, Figures, Marks, or otherwise, whether such Value is to be paid or given in Money or Goods, or in any Manner whatsoever; and every Person who shall, after the passing of this Act, make or manufacture or originally issue, or cause or procure to be made, manufactured, or originally issued, or permit or suffer to be so issued, on his or her Behalf, as for nominal Value in Money or Goods, any such Token, shall for every Token so made, manufactured, or issued, or procured or permitted to be so made, manufactured, or issued as aforesaid, forfeit any Sum not less than one Pound nor more than five, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices of the Peace who shall hear and determine such Offence.

No. 83.
George III.
c. 46.

No Copper
Tokens to be
made,

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first Day of *January* one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, no Piece of Copper, or of any mixed Metal composed partly of Copper, of whatever Value the same may be, shall pass or circulate as a Token for Money, or as purporting that the

No. 83. Bearer or Holder thereof is intitled to demand any Value denoted thereon, either by Letters, Words, Figures, Marks, or otherwise, whether such Value is to be paid or given in Money or Goods or other Value, or in any Manner whatsoever; as every Person who shall, after the said first of January on

on Penalty: thousand eight hundred and eighteen, circulate or pass, a for any nominal Value in Money or Goods, any such Token, shall for every such Token so circulated or passed, whether such Person shall be or have been concerned in the original Issuing or Circulation of any such Token, or only the Bearer or Holder thereof for the Time being, forfeit any Sum not less than two Shillings nor more than ten Shillings, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices of the Peace who shall hear and determine such Offence; provided that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person from presenting any such Token for Payment to the original Issuer thereof, or to discharge or excuse any such original Issuer from his Liability to pay the same: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed as affecting any Tokens which have been or may be issued by the Bank of England.

Issuer to be liable for Payment.

Not to affect Bank of England Tokens.

[Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, relate to particular Tokens issued at Sheffield and Birmingham.]

Justices to determine Offences.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the County, Riding, City, or Place within which any Offence against this Act shall be committed, to hear and determine the same in a summary Way; and such Justice or Justices, upon any Information exhibited, or Complaint made upon Oath in that Behalf, shall summon the Party accused, and also the Witnesses on either Side, and shall examine into the Matter of Fact; and upon due Proof made thereof, either by the voluntary Confession of the Party, or by the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses or otherwise (which Oath such Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized to administer), shall convict the Offender, and adjudge the Penalty for such Offence.

Penalty on Witnesses not attending to give Evidence.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall be summoned as a Witness to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices, either on the Part of the Prosecutor or the Person accused, and shall neglect or refuse to appear at the Time or Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such his Neglect or Refusal, to be allowed by such Justice or Justices, then such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of fifty Pounds, to be levied and paid in such Manner and by such Means as are directed for Recovery of other Penalties under this Act.*

Conviction.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Justice or Justices before whom any Offender shall be convicted as aforesaid, shall cause the said Conviction to be made out in the Manner and Form following; (that is to say),

BE it remembered, That on the Day of No. 83.
in the Year of our Lord A. B. having appeared 57 George III;
before me [or us] one [or more] of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace [as the Case may be] for the County, Riding, City, or Place, [as the Case may be] and due Proof having been made upon Oath by one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or by Confession of the Party [as the Case may be] is convicted of [specifying the Offence], in the Sum of Given under my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and Seals] the Day and Year afore-said. c. 46.

Which Conviction the said Justice or Justices shall cause to be returned to the then next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County, City, Riding, or Place where such Conviction was made, to be filed by the Clerk of the Peace, to remain and be kept among the Records of such County, Riding, City, or Place.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Clerk of the Peace for any County, Riding, City or Place, and he is hereby required, upon Application made to him by any Person or Persons for that Purpose, to cause a Copy or Copies of any Conviction or Convictions filed by him under the Directions of this Act, to be forthwith delivered to such Person or Persons upon Payment of one Shilling for every such Copy. Clerk of the Peace to deliver a Copy thereof on Payment of 1s.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures hereby incurred and made payable upon any Conviction against this Act, shall be forthwith paid by the Person convicted, as follows; one Moiety of the Forfeiture to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish or Place where the Offence shall be committed; and in case such Person shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, or to give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices to prosecute any Appeal against such Conviction, such Justice or Justices shall by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with all Costs and Charges attending such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner; and which said Warrant of Distress the said Justice or Justices shall cause to be made out in the Manner and Form following; (that is to say), Recovery and Distribution of Penalties.

To the Constable, Headborough, or Tithingman of
WHEREAS A. B. of in the County of Wa
is this Day convicted before me [or us] one [or more] of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace [as the Case may be] for the County of [or, for the Riding of the County of York, or, for the Town, Liberty, or District of [as the Case may be] upon the Oath of or, a credible Witness or Witnesses [or, by Confession of the Party, [as the Case may be] for that the said

No. 83. * *A. B.* hath [here set forth the Offence] contrary to the Statute
 57 George III. * in that Case made and provided, by reason whereof the said
 c. 46. * *A. B.* hath forfeited the Sum of _____ to be distributed
 * as herein is mentioned, which he hath refused to pay:
 * These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to command you
 * to levy the said Sum of _____ by Distress of the
 * Goods and Chattels of him the said *A. B.*; and if within the
 * Space of _____ Days next after such Distress by you taken,
 * the said Sum, together with reasonable Charges of taking
 * the same, shall not be paid, then that you do sell the said
 * Goods and Chattels so by you distrained, and out of the
 * Money arising by such Sale, that you do pay one-half of the
 * said Sum of _____ to _____ of _____ who informed
 * me [or us, as the Case shall be] of the said Offence, and the
 * other Half of the said Sum of _____ to the Overseer of
 * the Poor of the Parish [Township or Place] where the
 * Offence was committed, to be employed for the Benefit of
 * such Poor, returning the Overplus (if any) upon Demand to
 * the said *A. B.* the reasonable Charges of taking, keeping,
 * and selling the said Distress being first deducted; and if
 * sufficient Distress cannot be found of the Goods and Chattels
 * of the said *A. B.* whereon to levy the said Sum of _____
 * that then you certify the same to me [or, us, as the Case shall
 * be] together with this Warrant. Given under my Hand and
 * Seal, [or, our Hands and Seals] the _____ Day of _____
 * in the Year of our Lord _____

For detaining
 Offenders till
 Return of
 Warrant.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful
 for such Justice or Justices to order such Offender to be detained
 in safe Custody until Return may conveniently be had and
 made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Party so con-
 victed shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such
 Justice or Justices for his Appearance before the said Justice
 or Justices, on such Day as shall be appointed by the said
 Justice or Justices for the Day of the Return of the said War-
 rant of Distress (such Day not exceeding five Days after the
 taking of such Security), which Security the said Justice or
 Justices is and are hereby empowered to take, by way of
 Recognizance or otherwise.

Committal of
 Defaulters.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if upon such Return
 no sufficient Distress can be had, then and in such Case the
 said Justice or Justices shall and may commit such Offender to
 the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County,
 Riding, Division or Place where the Offence shall be com-
 mitted, for the Space of one Calendar Month, unless the Mo-
 ney forfeited shall be sooner paid, or unless or until such Offen-
 der, thinking him or herself aggrieved by such Conviction,
 shall give Notice to the Informer that he or she intends to
 appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quar-
 ter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County, Riding,
 or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, and shall
 enter into Recognizance before some Justice or Justices, with

two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of and pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Quarter Sessions; which Notice of Appeal being not less than eight Days before such Quarter Sessions, such Person so aggrieved is hereby empowered to give; and the said Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and finally determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing, or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Quarter Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

No. 83.
57 George III.
c. 40.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be disabled from being a Witness in any Prosecution for any Offence against this Act, By reason of his being an Inhabitant of the Parish wherein such Offence was committed: Provided always, that no Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction or Convictions of any Offender or Offenders against this Act shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form, or be removed by Writ of *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or elsewhere.

Competency of
Witnesses.
Proceedings not
to be removed
by *Certiorari*.

[XVII. Limitation of Actions (three Months).—General Issue.—Trespass Costs.]

XVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Copper Monies of the Realm now current, or to be current, by Virtue of any Proclamation or Proclamations that shall have been or may be issued by his Majesty.

Not to extend
to Copper
Monies of the
Realm.

CLASS VI. — RIOT, &c.

No. 67.

57 George III. c. 126.—An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-fourth Year of his present Majesty, for the Punishment of Persons destroying Stocking or Lace Frames, and Articles in such Frames; and to make, until the first Day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and twenty, other Provisions in lieu thereof.—[11th. *July* 1817.]

[I. 52 G. 3. c. 16. 54 G. 3. c. 42. 54 G. 3. c. 42. repealed.]

II. **A**ND be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons shall by Day or by Night enter by force into any House, Shop, or Place with an Intent to cut or destroy any Framework knitted

No. 67.
57 George III.
c. 126.

No. 67.
5th George III.
c. 126.

Persons de-
stroying Ma-
chinery or
Goods therein
to be deemed
guilty of
Felony.

Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods, being in the Frame, or upon any Machine or Engine thereto annexed, or therewith to be used or prepared for that Purpose, or with an Intent to break or destroy any Frame, Machine, Engine, Tool, Instrument, or Utensil used in and for the working and making of any such Framework knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods in the Hosiery or Framework knitted Manufactory, or shall wilfully and maliciously, and without having the Consent or Authority of the Owner, destroy or cut, with an Intent to destroy or render useless, any Framework knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods, being in the Frame or upon any Machine or Engine as aforesaid, or prepared for that Purpose, or shall wilfully and maliciously, and without having the Consent or Authority of the Owner, break, destroy, damage, with an Intent to destroy or render useless, any Frame, Machine, Engine, Tool, Instrument, or Utensil used in and for the working and making of any such Framework knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods in the Hosiery or Framework knitted Stockings, or Framework Lace Manufactory, or shall wilfully and maliciously, and without having the Consent or Authority of the Owner, break or destroy any Machinery contained in any Mill or Mills used or any way employed in preparing or spinning of Wool or Cotton, or other Materials, for the Use of the Stocking or Lace Manufactory, every Offender being thereof lawfully convicted shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

Continuance
of Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the first Day of August which will be in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

